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MR. AND MRS. ROBERT E. RIDLEY

BIOGRAPHICAL

ROBERT E. RIDLEY.

Robert E. Ridley, a well known resident of Estherville, was born in Litchfield, Maine, July 5, 1833, a fact which makes him a venerable citizen of Emmet county, for he has passed the eighty-third milestone on life's journey. His parents, Robert P. and Sophronia (Watson) Ridley, were also natives of Maine and in the year 1857 they removed to Emmet county, Iowa, establishing their home upon a farm here at a period when the work of improvement and development had scarcely been begun within the borders of the county. Both passed away in this county and the community thus lost two of its worthy pioneer settlers. Their original home was a log cabin, which they occupied for a number of years. In their family were ten children, four of whom yet survive.

R. E. Ridley was reared and educated in Maine. In 1856 he started west, going first to Michigan, where he spent one winter, and in the spring of 1857 he came to Emmet county, Iowa, which was then a frontier district in which few settlements had been made. Much of the land was still in the possession of the government and Mr. Ridley took up a claim in Estherville township on what is now the site of the city of Estherville. There he built a blockhouse and he has since erected more than one hundred dwellings in the city, which he has sold. He thus contributed much to the development of the city and he also built the first mill there.

At the time of the Civil war Mr. Ridley put aside all business and personal considerations to espouse the cause of the Union and became a member of Company C. Second Iowa Infantry, in which he enlisted in 1864. He was with Sherman on his march to the sea and participated in several hotly contested engagements. With the close of the war he was mustered out at Washington, D. C., and returned to his home with a most creditable military record. Through the intervening period he has remained continuously in Emmet county.

In 1855 Mr. Ridley was united in marriage to Miss Esther A. Allen, who was born in Maine in 1832 and is a daughter of John and Sarah (Bennett) Allen, who were also natives of the Pine Tree state, in which they spent their entire lives. They had six children but Mrs. Ridley is now the only survivor. By her marriage she became the mother of two daughters and a son: Annie J., who was the first white child born in

Emmet county and who is now the wife of Milo Dana, of Wisconsin; Lucy E., deceased; and George E., a resident of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Ridley are members of the Baptist church and he is serving as one of its deacons. In the work of the church he has taken most active and helpful interest, doing everything in his power to advance the cause of religion. In politics he is a republican and has been honored with the offices of both treasurer and recorder of Emmet county. He also served as justice of the peace and married the first couple in the county. It will thus be seen that he is closely associated with many events that have shaped the history of this section of the state. He and his wife are numbered among its honored pioneer people and have been witnesses of its growth and development through all the passing years since 1857, or for much more than a half century. Mr. Ridley has long been a moving spirit in promoting the upbuilding of the section in which he resides, and no history of Emmet county would be complete without the record of his life.

BYRON M. COON.

Byron M. Coon is engaged in the practice of law in Estherville, being a well known attorney of Emmet county. He was born in Washington, D. C., March 3, 1880, and is a son of Byron C. and Janet (McPherson) Coon, who were natives of New York and of Maryland respectively. The father is now a distinguished citizen of the nation's capital and at present is filling a position in the office of the second assistant postmaster general. He has been connected with the post-office department there for forty-five years and no higher testimonial of fidelity and capability could be found than the statement of the fact of his long connection with the department and his steady advancement in the service.

Byron M. Coon, reared in his native city, attended the George Washington Law University, from which he was graduated on the completion of the regular course. He was then admitted to practice before the supreme court of the District of Columbia and in the United States courts in 1903. He spent six months in a law office, gaining practical experience, and on the expiration of that period removed westward to Estherville, Iowa, where he became associated in practice with George E. Patterson, opening an office in the old Coon block. This was before the fire of 1904. He continued his connection with Mr. Patterson for a year and later was associated in law practice with Judge N. J. Lee for a year subsequent to 1910 but between the years 1904 and 1910 was alone in practice. In April, 1916, he was joined by S. G. Bammer in a law partnership that is still maintained. He is devoting his attention to general law practice and is a strong and able attorney, preparing his cases with great thoroughness and care. He is resourceful,

being seldom surprised by the unexpected attack of an adversary, and at all times his deductions are sound, his reasonings logical and his arguments convincing. He first gleaned knowledge of Estherville through a visit with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Doolittle, and becoming impressed with the city and its opportunities, he returned to enter the field of active practice here in 1903. In 1901 he had been connected with the agricultural branch of the twelfth federal census, editing the agricultural data, and this brought him much knowledge concerning the state, its conditions and its opportunities, leading to his later investigation, with the result that Iowa gained a substantial citizen and Mr. Coon found here a profitable field of labor.

In 1906 occurred the marriage of Mr. Coon and Miss Mary E. Lesher, a daughter of W. A. and Alvira Lesher, then of Estherville. The mother is now deceased, while the father at the present time resides in Le Mars, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Coon have become the parents of three children: Paul L., who was born April 12, 1907; Janet, April 4, 1909; and Mary Elizabeth, June 30, 1912.

The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and in the social life of the city they occupy an enviable position. Fraternally Mr. Coon is connected with the Elks, the Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Yeomen. For two years he was venerable consul of the Modern Woodmen camp at Estherville and was lecturing knight for the Elks for a year. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he has several times been called upon to fill positions of honor and trust. For four years he served as justice of the peace and his decisions in that office were strictly fair and impartial. For a similar period he filled the office of secretary of the independent school district of Estherville. In 1905 he was called to the position of city attorney, which office he occupied for four terms, resigning in 1913 to become county attorney, in which position he is now serving for the second term, making an excellent record by his devotion to duty, coupled with his comprehensive knowledge of the law and his ability to correctly apply its principles.

REV. N. C. STRANDSKOV.

For more than seven years Rev. N. C. Strandskov has been pastor of St. John's Danish Lutheran church in Denmark township, Emmet county, and during that time has done much for the material and spiritual growth of the church. He was born on the island of Möen, off the coast of Denmark, March 31, 1863, a son of L. C. and Maria (Kasperdatter) Strandskov. In 1872 the family removed to the United States and the father purchased land in Freeborn county, Minnesota, where he followed agricultural pursuits until his demise, which occurred in 1890. The mother survives and resides with a daughter, Mrs. J. P.

Jacobsen, at Dagmar, Montana. There were thirteen children in the family but only six are living, namely: H. C., pastor of the Danish Lutheran church near Brayton, Iowa; M. P. R., who is farming near Dagmar, Montana; N. C.; L. M., a farmer residing near Milltown, Wisconsin; Maren, now Mrs. J. P. Jacobsen, of Dagmar, Montana; and Line, who is the wife of N. C. Olsen and resides near Flaxton, North Dakota.

Rev. N. C. Strandskov obtained his education in the United States as he was but nine years of age when he was brought to this country. He attended the Danish Seminary in West Denmark, Wisconsin, and the high school in Shelby county, Iowa, and was graduated from a theological seminary at West Denmark, Wisconsin. In 1892 he was ordained to the ministry at Viborg, South Dakota, and his first pastoral assignment was to Diamond Lake, Minnesota. After remaining there for two years he was for seven years stationed at Lookingglass, Nebraska, was next for two years at Cordova, Nebraska, and was later at Denmark, South Dakota, and Latimer, Iowa. Since October 25, 1909, he has been the pastor of St. John's Danish Lutheran church in Denmark township, Emmet county. His sincerity and zeal for the cause to which he has devoted his life have gained him the high respect of all who have come in contact with him irrespective of their creed and he has a secure place in the affection of his parishioners.

Rev. Strandskov was married in 1892 to Miss Maria Sorensen, a daughter of Jens and Matte (Kirstine) Sorensen, natives of Denmark, who in 1881 emigrated to Viborg, South Dakota. However,, they spent their last days in Tyler, Minnesota, and are buried in the Danish cemetery there. Eleven children have been born to Rev. and Mrs. Strandkov, namely, Holger, Ingeborg, Thyra, Heiluf, Marie, Astrid, Thorvald, Helva, Frede, Alma and Karl, all at home.

HON. B. F. ROBINSON.

Honored and respected by all, there is no man who occupies a more enviable position among the citizens of Emmet county than Hon. B. F. Robinson, prominent banker and ex-member of the state legislature, whose devotion to the public good has ever stood as one of the unquestioned facts in his career. He has long been identified with financial interests as cashier of the First National Bank of Armstrong.

A native of Connecticut, Mr. Robinson was born at Hampton, but remained a resident of New England only until he reached the age of fifteen years, when he removed to the middle west, establishing his home at Lee Center, Illinois. There he remained until 1868, when he became a resident of Grundy county, Iowa, settling near Conrad. He purchased a quarter section of prairie land in the midst of a district which at that time was but slightly developed. He turned the first furrows upon his

HON. B. F. ROBINSON

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farm and continued its further cultivation and improvement until January 1, 1881, when he put aside the active work of the fields in order to enter upon the duties of county recorder of Grundy county, to which office he had been elected the previous fall. By reelection he continued to occupy that position for six years, after which he returned to the farm and thereon remained until 1892, when he became a resident of Armstrong, and in connection with William Stuart embarked in the banking business. On the 1st of July, 1900, they reorganized their bank under the name of the First National Bank, capitalized at fifty thousand dollars, at which time Mr. Robinson was chosen president, with John Dows as vice president and L. P. Gjermo as cashier. On the 18th of April, 1902, Mr. Dows was elected president, with William Stuart as vice president and Mr. Robinson as cashier, and through the intervening period of fifteen years Mr. Robinson was continuously acted as cashier, largely directing the policy and shaping the interests of this institution, which is regarded as one of the safest and most reliable banking concerns of northwestern Iowa. In 1892 the company erected the present bank building and through the intervening years the business has steadily grown and developed. The First National has ever most carefully safeguarded the interests of its depositors and to its patrons has extended all possible credit to a point that would not jeopardize the interests of the bank. In addition to his other business interests Mr. Robinson has dealt quite extensively in land and has improved a number of farms, thus contributing to the substantial development of the county.

In 1869, in Marshalltown, Iowa, was celebrated the marriage of B. F. Robinson and Miss Elizabeth Barnes, a daughter of Stephen Barnes, a native of New York, who on removing to Iowa took up the occupation of farming near Conrad, in Grundy county. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have become the parents of five children, namely: Grace G.; Wilbert L., who is deceased; Fred S.; Edith, the wife of F. W. Ruef; and Clara.

Extensive and important as have been the business interests of Mr. Robinson, he has yet found time to serve the public in various important connections and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his ability and public spirit, have again and again called upon him for aid and support of matters of public moment He has been mayor of Armstrong, in which connection he gave to the city a businesslike and progressive administration. He was elected to represent his district in the twenty-ninth general assembly and so capable was he as a member of the house that he was returned for service in the thirtieth and thirty-first sessions. He was the author of the lake bed bill, was active in support of drainage bills and in fact was connected with much important constructive legislation that has furthered the interests of his constituents and the commonwealth at large. He is well qualified for political leadership and it is well known that he never subverts the public interest in an effort to promote personal welfare.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are active and earnest workers in the Presbyterian church and he served as a member of the building committee at the time of erection of the church in Armstrong. He is equally loyal

to the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity and in fact has at all times been an honorable and upright career, characterized by all those forces which in every land and clime awaken confidence and regard.

WILLIAM W. PATON.

William W. Paton, an honored veteran of the Civil war, is now living retired at Milford, Iowa. A native of Scotland he was born in Glasgow, December 23, 1842, and is a son of William W. and Mary (Muire) Paton, who were born, reared and married in Glasgow. By trade the father was a carpenter and cabinetmaker and for some time operated a factory in that connection in Glasgow. In 1847 he came to America and located at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he worked at the carpenter's trade for a short time. He then purchased a farm in Green Lake county, that state, which he improved but which he mainly left to the operation of his sons while he worked at his trade. He died upon that farm in June, 1871, and his wife passed away in 1887.

Being only five years of age on the emigration of the family to the United States, William W. Paton was practically reared in Wisconsin and is indebted to the public schools of that state for the education which he acquired during his boyhood. Feeling that his adopted country needed his services at the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted at the age of nineteen years in Company A, Thirty-fourth Wisconsin Infantry, and remained at the front for one year. Returning home he engaged in farming there until 1868 when he came to Dickinson county, Iowa, and purchased a tract of land. He did not remain here, however, at that time, but went to Rochester, Minnesota, where he bought another farm and devoted the following two years to its cultivation in partnership with his brother. He then engaged in farming alone for three years and at the end of that time returned to Dickinson county, Iowa, and took up his abode upon a farm which had come into his possession in 1868. He made many improvements upon the tract and for eighteen years successfully engaged in its operation. At the end of that time he became a resident of Milford, and turned his attention to the grain business, in which he engaged until 1907 when he sold out and has since lived retired enjoying the fruits of former toil. In Milford he owns a fine modern residence at the corner of Adams street and Broadway, and surrounded by his family and a host of warm friends he is spending the end of life.

On the 1st of January, 1869, Mr. Paton married Miss Marian Skirving, a daughter of John and Margaret (Robb) Skirving, natives of Edinburgh, Scotland, in which city Mrs. Paton was born in February, 1850. Her father followed blacksmithing in the old country and remained there until 1852, when he came to America. The voyage across the Atlantic consumed three months and ten days. The family located in

New York City and they made their home either in New York or New Jersey until Mr. Skirving passed away in 1857. They then went to Wisconsin where his widow subsequently married Christopher Davison. Later they came to Dickinson county, Iowa, and Mr. Davison was living in Milford at the time of his death which occurred in 1891. His wife survived him until 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Paton are the parents of five children, namely: Jennie, the wife of Frank Hunt, a farmer of Dickinson county; George A., a banker of Redwood Falls, Minnesota; Walter D., who is engaged in the hardware and furniture business at Dickey, North Dakota; Lulu E., the wife of T. I. Brown of Des Moines, Iowa; and Lena C., the wife of Frank Williams, a merchant of Milford, Iowa.

Since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, Mr. Paton has been a stanch supporter of the republican party, and for a number of years served as assessor of Okoboji township, Dickinson county. He is an honored member of Waller Post, G. A. R., and also belongs to the Yeomen lodge. In religious faith he is a Congregationalist. He has witnessed almost all of the entire development and improvement of this section of the state and helped to haul the lumber from Sibley, Iowa, to build the second courthouse in Dickinson county. In early life he was most enterprising, an energetic business man, and he well merits the prosperity that has come to him enabling him to lay aside all business cares and spend the last days of his life in ease and retirement.

ANDREW L. ANDERSON.

Andrew L. Anderson, editor of the Ringsted Dispatch and postmaster of Ringsted, was born in Denmark on the 3d of January, 1882, his parents being Chris and Christina (Thompson) Anderson, also natives of Denmark. In 1884 the family came to America and settled at Jewell, Hamilton county, Iowa, where the father found work at his trade of shoemaking, which occupation he still follows. Since 1896, however, he has also been in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company. He has now reached the age of sixty years and his wife is also living.

Andrew L. Anderson was only two years of age when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to America and he is indebted to the public schools of Jewell, Iowa, for the educational advantages he enjoyed during his boyhood and youth. He was graduated from the high school at that place in 1898 and then entered the office of the Record, where he learned the printer's trade, remaining there for three years. The following four years were spent in Webster City, where he worked on all the papers published there, and he has also been in the employ of various other newspapers throughout the state. He spent

three years in Des Moines in job offices and at the end of that time returned to Jewell, where he was employed as foreman of the Record for five years. In December, 1912, Mr. Anderson purchased the Ringsted Dispatch at Ringsted, Emmet county, and has since conducted that paper with growing success, making it a bright, newsy sheet with a good advertising patronage. He does general job work and has built up a large calendar business, in the interest of which he goes upon the road. Since March, 1915, he has also served as postmaster of Ringsted.

On the 27th of September, 1906, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Annetta Rierson, and they have on child, Ralph Wilbur, born June 1, 1911. Mr. Anderson is a member of the Danish Brotherhood of Ringsted and is a stanch supporter of the democratic party. In religious faith he is a Lutheran. He is a public-spirited and enterprising citizen, taking a commendable interest in public affairs, and both personally and through his paper supports all worthy projects calculated to benefit the community in which he lives.

BRINGEL KNUTSEN ROKNE.

Bringel Knutsen Rokne, residing on a farm on section 10, High Lake township, has always devoted his energies to general agricultural pursuits and for forty-one years has lived at his present place of residence. He is still active although he has now passed the eighty-fourth milestone on life's journey and such a career of usefulness might well put to shame many a man of less resolute spirit, who, grown weary of the struggles of business life, would relegate to others the burdens that he should bear.

Mr. Rokne was born in Voss, Norway, April 15, 1833, a son of Knut Erickson and Bertha Helgeson, who were farming people of that country. The son pursued a common school education to the age of fifteen years and afterward worked out as a farm hand by the year until he reached the age of twenty. He then determined to try his fortune in the new world and came to the United States. His sister Anna came to the United States in 1850 with her husband, Lars Larson, located in Woodstock and died the same year.

Bringel K. Kokne made his way to Chicago and spent the succeeding seven years in various kinds of work and in various places. In 1854 his brother Gilbert came to the United States and located in Wisconsin, where he afterward passed away as the result of an illness contracted during the Civil war. Two sisters, Inga and Dorothy, came in 1856 and both passed away in Wisconsin. The same year Barney Rokne arrived in America and is now a resident of High Lake township. The remaining brother, Erick, never left Norway.

It was in 1860 that Bringel K. Rokne took up his abode in Columbia

county, Wisconsin, and there married Inga Johnson, a daughter of Lars and Martha Anderson, who have since passed away in Wisconsin. For six years after his marriage Mr. Rokne worked on his father-in-law's farm and on the 7th of July, 1866, came to Emmet county and purchased a farm from the railway company, investing in one hundred acres, which he cultivated for ten years. He afterward traded that property to George Osher for his present home and there he has lived for more than four decades. His labors have wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of the place, for he has converted it into a very valuable and productive farm equipped with modern improvements. He is still enjoying good health and is yet active at the age of eighty-four years.

In 1916 Mr. Rokne was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away on the 1st of October after a year's illness and was laid to rest in High Lake cemetery. They were the parents of nine children: Knut, who died unmarried; Louis, who is married and follows farming in Kanabec county, Minnesota; Martha, now the wife of K. A. Traefald, also of Kanabec county; John, who died leaving a widow; Bertha, who became the wife of S. A. Traefald and died leaving two sons, Albert and Martin, who are living with Mr. Rokne; Anna, the deceased wife of T. Dahle, whose daughter, Luella, is living with her grandfather; Erick and Andrew, at home; and Emma, the wife of Louis Isaacson, a farmer of High Lake township.

Mr. Rokne has supported the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, casting his first presidential ballot for John C. Fremont. He has always been a stalwart champion of the principles of the party and has done everything in his power to promote its growth and ensure its success. He has held various township offices and for three years he was county supervisor, while for four years he filled the office of county recorder. In 1900 he became census enumerator for Twelve Mile Lake and High Lake townships. He is today one of the oldest pioneer settlers and one of the most venerable citizens of High Lake township, having reached the age of eighty-four years, although in appearance and interests he seems much younger.

PAUL R. JOHNSON.

Paul R. Johnson, who is now filling the position of assistant cashier of the Terril Savings Bank, was born on the 20th of June, 1893, in Butler county, Iowa, his parents being F. H. and Anna (Roalfs) Johnson, both natives of Germany. In early life they emigrated to the new world and in 1901 became residents of Emmet county, Iowa, taking up their abode upon the farm where they now reside.

Paul R. Johnson spent his boyhood and youth upon his father's farm and after attending the district schools for some time entered the Terril high school, from which he was graduated in 1910. After putting

aside his textbooks he followed farming until the 1st of January, 1910, when he entered the Terril Savings Bank as assistant cashier and has since acceptably filled that responsible position.

It was in 1916 that Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Bess Trenary, who is a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of Charles Trenary. Her father is deceased but her mother is still living. Mr. Johnson affiliates with the republican party and is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He is one of the progressive young business men of Terril and merits the confidence reposed in him.

P. S. MOTT.

Since 1869 P. S. Mott has been a resident of Dickinson county and has borne an active part in its development along agricultural and commercial lines. A native of Vermont, he was born under the shadow of the Green mountains, September 4, 1839, and there passed his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner of farm boys. On coming west he first located at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and from there walked into the country a distance of sixty miles to get work on a farm, and for one year was employed at twelve dollars a month. Later he drove the stage coach from Stevens Point to Portage City for two years, making forty-seven miles per day.

While a resident of Wisconsin Mr. Mott was married in Hancock, that state, in 1862, to Miss Angeline Hart, who was born in Pennsylvania but was reared in Wisconsin, where she came when twelve years old. They have become the parents of three daughters, namely: Amarette, the wife of H. A. Miller, a merchant and farmer of Sibley, Iowa; Katy, the wife of M. C. McGrew, a prominent business man and druggist of Spirit Lake; and Eva, the wife of John A. Miller, also a business men of Spirit Lake.

After his marriage Mr. Mott purchased a farm of eighty acres in Waushara county, Wisconsin, and to its further improvement and cultivation he devoted his energies for about eight years. Selling out at the end of that time he came to Iowa in 1869, driving across the country, a distance of four hundred miles, in a covered wagon. He brought some stock with him and homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land near Spirit Lake. In order to build his house he had to haul lumber a distance of one hundred miles. He broke, fenced and improved his farm and resided thereon for about six years. He then took a contract to carry the mail from Spirit Lake to Sidney, a distance of forty miles, and also drove the stage on the mail route for one year. He next opened a livery stable at Spirit Lake, which was the first at that place, and he continued business along that line for twenty-six years. He also dealt in stock, brought the first imported stallion to Dickinson county and was considered the best judge of imported horses in the county. He made a specialty of fine, high-grade horses and also dealt in pure-bred Jersey cows and Holstein and

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Aberdeen Angus cattle. At one time he owned more than thirteen hundred acres of land.

Mr. Mott has always affiliated with the republican party and in 1879 ran for sheriff of Dickinson county upon that ticket. He was elected and so acceptably did he fill the position that he was twice reelected, serving three terms in all. He has borne an important part in the development and upbuilding of Dickinson county and is the owner of a neat residence and a large livery stable in Spirit Lake. His wife and daughters are members of the Presbyterian church and the family is one of prominence in the city where they have made their home for many years.

CHARLES OGILVIE.

Charles Ogilvie conducted a grocery business in Armstrong until November, 1916, when he retired. He was born in Forfarshire, Scotland, November 2, 1832, a son of William and Susan (Gilbert) Ogilvie. The father was a laborer and neither he nor his wife ever came to the United States. They were the parents of two daughters and three sons, of whom Charles was the only one to emigrate to America, coming here when sixteen years of age. He attended school in his native land until fourteen years old and during the intervening two years until his emigration to this country he was employed as a clerk in a dry goods store. After remaining for a year in New York City he went to the province of Ontario, Canada, where he worked on a farm for some time. At length he removed to Iowa and for a period engaged in teaching school south of Algona during the winter months and during the summer seasons worked on the farm of James Mitchell, with whom he made his home. At that time conditions in this state were largely those of the frontier and the schoolhouse in which he taught was made of sod. It was known as the Carroll school and was one of the first established in that section.

A year before Armstrong was platted Mr. Ogilvie removed to this locality and became one of the first merchants of the new town, carrying a well chosen general stock. He was thereafter continuously connected with the business interests of the town and conducted an up-to-date and well patronized grocery store until November, 1916. He is enjoying good health at the age of eighty-four years.

In 1899 Mr. Ogilvie was married to Mrs. Laura (Bunt) Dutton, a daughter of Reuben and Eunice (Springsteen) Bunt, natives of New York, who were among the first settlers of Estherville, Iowa. They drove from Winnishiek county with an ox team and knew by experience all the hardships of frontier life. Both are buried in Seneca, this state. Mrs. Ogilvie was first married to Ed Dutton, of Armstrong, and by that union had six children: Ella, who is the widow of E. P. Wood and with her five children is residing in Armstrong; Eunice, who married James

Huff, of Armstrong; Lucinda, deceased; Edna, at home; Carrie, also deceased; and Alice, now Mrs. Harold Atwood, of Armstrong.

Mr. Ogilvie is a democrat in politics and although never an office seeker has always discharged to the fullest the duties of a good citizen. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Armstrong and is highly esteemed by all with whom he has come in contact as he has consistently ordered his life in accordance with high ethical standards.

CHARLES B. MATHEWS.

For almost half a century Charles B. Mathews has been a resident of Emmet county, and he has taken a very active and prominent part in its development and improvement along agricultural lines. He was born in Erie county, Ohio, on the 12th of December, 1844, and is a son of John and Mary (Bowen) Mathews, both natives of England who came to America before their marriage and located in Ohio. There the father died in 1847 and subsequently the mother removed to Wisconsin, where she lived for several years. Her last days, however, were spent in Nebraska. In the family were two children both of whom are still living.

Charles B. Mathews was quite small when he accompanied his mother on her removal to Wisconsin, and there he was educated, attending the common schools. When the country became involved in Civil war he offered his services to the government, enlisting in 1863 in Company H, Thirty-third Wisconsin Infantry as a private. He participated in several hard fought battles including the engagement at Nashville and the siege of Mobile but fortunately was never wounded, and at the close of the war was mustered out at Mobile in 1865. On leaving the service he returned to Wisconsin but remained there only a short time and then removed to Minnesota, where he took up a claim. In 1871, however, he came to Emmet county, Iowa, and located on a farm in Armstrong Grove township, where he has since made his home, his time and energies being devoted to agricultural pursuits.

In 1870 Mr. Mathews was married to Miss Laura Matteson, who was born near Freeport, Illinois, and is a daughter of Truman and Maria (Chapman) Matteson, natives of New York and Connecticut, respectively. Both of her parents are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Mathews have been born eight children, namely: Claude A.; Eva, the wife of Thomas Akre of Algona, Iowa; Mary, the wife of Frank Dundar; George W., a resident of Wisconsin; Daniel W., of South Dakota; Martha E., a nurse who is a graduate of the City Hospital at Minneapolis; Nellie, who is a graduate of the Cedar Falls Normal School and is now teaching at Ashland, Oregon; and Hattie K., who is pursuing a three years' course at the City Hospital in Minneapolis.

Mr. Mathews is a prominent Mason and has filled all the chairs

in both the Blue Lodge and the Eastern Star Chapter. He is a Knight Templar and exemplifies in his life the teachings of the craft. He supports the democratic party at the polls and his fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called upon him to serve in several official positions of honor and trust. For four years he held the position of county supervisor and for the long period of sixteen years was a member of the school board. He has also been assessor, trustee and clerk of his township. At the present time he is practically living retired, having sold his land, but still owns a fine residence, which he occupies, in Armstrong Grove township. He is one of the honored veterans of the Civil war and is a man highly respected by all who know him.

JULIUS DENKMANN.

One of the most influential and highly esteemed citizens of Lake Park, Iowa, is Julius Denkmann, cashier of the Lake Park State Bank. A native of Iowa, he was born in Walcott, Scott county, October 10, 1883, and is a son of Frederick and Wilhelmina (Telsro) Denkmann, both natives of Germany. The father was a young man when he came to the United States and took up his residence in Scott county, Iowa, where he subsequently married Miss Telsro, who crossed the Atlantic when a young woman. During his active life he continued to follow farming in that county but is now living retired in Walcott. His wife died in 1915.

During his boyhood and youth Julius Denkmann attended the graded and high schools of Walcott and also pursued a course in the Davenport Business College, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1901. For three years following his graduation he was employed at office work in Davenport and in 1904 went to Round Lake, Minnesota, to become assistant cashier in the Bank of Round Lake, in which capacity he served for three years. He resigned that position to accept the assistant cashiership of the Lake Park State Bank of Lake Park, Iowa, and four years later was made active vice president of the institution. On the 1st of January, 1916, he succeeded A. C. Robertson as cashier and is now serving in that capacity to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. The Lake Park State Bank is the oldest institution of the kind in the city, having been founded in 1892, and its affairs have always been conducted along safe conservative lines, which have won for it the patronage of many of the most substantial people of the community.

Mr. Denkmann was married on the 2d of September, 1908, to Miss Marie Flentje, of Round Lake, Minnesota, and to them have been born two sons, Reginald and Harlan Earl. In religious faith both Mr. and Mrs. Denkmann are Presbyterians, and fraternally he is a member of Estherville Lodge, B. P. O. E., and the Modern Woodmen of America. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the republican party

and his fellow citizens recognizing his worth and ability have called upon him to serve as a member of the town council for seven years, he having filled that office almost continuously since coming to Lake Park.

ALBERT ANDERSON, M. D.

The consensus of public opinion places Dr. Albert Anderson in the from rank among the ablest and most distinguished representatives of the profession in northwestern Iowa. Indeed his ability makes him the peer of the ablest physicians and surgeons of the state. He was born in Linn county, Iowa, near Cedar Rapids, December 5, 1861. His great-great-grandfather, John Anderson, emigrated from the north of Ireland and settled in the wilds of western Pennsylvania before the Revolutionary war. The great-grandfather and the grandfather of Dr. Anderson were both born in that state. The wife of the latter was a native of Maryland but of English descent and the maternal grandparents of Dr. Anderson were both natives of Virginia and were of Scotch-Irish lineage. His father, Thomas H. Anderson, who was born in Ohio, became a resident of Iowa in 1854 and in 1860 he wedded Mary E. Blair, who was also a native of the Buckeye state but came to Iowa in 1848 and is now living with a daughter in Oklahoma. At the time of the Civil war Thomas H. Anderson responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in the Union army in 1862. He remained on active duty until January, 1865, when he died in the service.

Dr. Anderson acquired a common school education, supplemented by two years' study in a private school, after which he began preparation for the practice of medicine and surgery as a student in the medical department of the State University of Iowa, from which he was graduated on the 12th of March, 1890, the degree of M. D. being then conferred upon him. In the meantime he had taken up the profession of teaching and had won a teacher's first class certificate. Since completing his course in the State University he has taken post-graduate work, completing his studies in the Post-Graduate Medical School of Chicago in May, 1896. His preparation for a professional career followed two years of teaching in the country schools and four years of service as telegraph operator and railroad agent. Laudable ambition, however, prompted him to enter a larger field of labor and after winning his professional degree he at once entered upon the active practice of medicine. His advancement since that date has been continuous and his practice has been of constantly growing extent and importance. From 1896 until 1912 he owned an interest in one of the leading drug stores of the city and in 1896 he was appointed division surgeon of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railway and in 1902 local surgeon for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway. He has since occupied the latter position. In 1900 he built a

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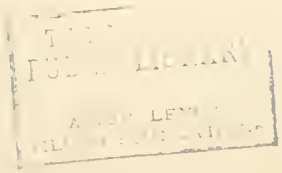

private hospital, which he conducted for nine years. His practice is now largely limited to surgery and to consultation and his increasing powers have gained him distinction along professional lines. He has been a close and discriminating student of everything bearing upon the science of medicine and surgery and he keeps abreast with the latest researches and discoveries. He is now chief surgeon for the Anderson Hospital at Estherville and is chief medical examiner for twenty-five old line life insurance companies and medical examiner for the Dakota division of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway.

On the 30th of May, 1883, in Palo, Iowa, Dr. Anderson was married to Miss Effie A. Conley, a daughter of J. W. Conley, who was a prominent farmer of Linn county, Iowa, emigrating westward from New York. He married Marietta J. Hutchins, a native of the Empire state, and their daughter Effie was born in Linn county, Iowa. Dr. and Mrs. Anderson are the parents of a son, Lloyd L., who married Mary Ferguson, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, and they have a daughter, Alberta F.

Dr. and Mrs. Anderson attend the Presbyterian church and he holds membership with the Masons, belonging to lodge, chapter and commandery. He is also connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Woodmen of the World and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In politics he is a republican and was formerly chairman of the county central committee, taking an active and helpful part in promoting party success. For three years he was a member of the board of education and served as its president. For four years he has served as a member of the city council and for thirteen years he has been commissioner of insanity in Emmet County. He belongs to the Sioux Valley Medical Association, the Iowa State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Surgeons' Association and the American Association of Railway Surgeons.

FRANK IRWIN.

Frank Irwin is one of the proprietors of a well appointed general merchandise establishment at Wallingford and is accounted one of the progressive and enterprising business men of his town. He was born in the state of New York, March 6, 1873, a son of Eugene and Margaret Irwin. The father was a farmer by occupation and about 1880 removed westward to Iowa, settling at Lyons, where he turned his attention to horticultural pursuits. Mr. Irwin passed away in 1902, his remains being interred in Sullivan county, New York, and his widow now resides with her elder daughter. To him and his wife were born three children: Myra, now the wife of J. A. Haring, of Wallingford; Flo, the wife of S. B. Hill, of New York; and Frank.

The last named was a little lad of but seven summers when he

accompanied his parents to the middle west and through the period of his boyhood he attended the public schools and also worked with his father until he reached the age of about eighteen years. In 1900 he came to Emmet county and spent two years on a farm in High Lake township. He afterward purchased a general store in Wallingford and was associated with E. G. Sando in the conduct of the business for two years. In 1908 he removed to Marseilles, Illinois, where he spent two years, and in 1910 returned to the old store in Wallingford, entering into partnership with J. A. Haring in the sale of general merchandise, hardware and meats. They enjoyed a good trade and their close application and enterprise have developed their business along substantial lines.

In 1897 Mr. Irwin was united in marriage to Miss May Adams, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Adams. The father died during her girlhood and the mother afterward became a resident of Morrison, Illinois, where she passed away in 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin have two children: Basil, born in 1902; and Ray, in 1908. The parents have the warm regard and friendship of those with whom they come in contact. Mr. Irwin belongs to the Mystic Workers and in politics maintains an independent course, voting for the candidates whom he regards as best qualified for office rather than for party.

GUSTAV GILBERT.

Gustav Gilbert, whose well improved farm on section 10, Twelve Mile Lake township, gives evidence of the careful supervision and progressive methods of the owner, is numbered among Iowa's native sons, his birth having occurred in Fayette county on the 20th of February, 1869. His parents, Ingebret and Emily Gilbert, were natives of Norway and in early life the father followed the occupation of farming, while later he turned his attention to merchandising in Elgin, Iowa. In 1878 he became a resident of Emmet county and purchased a farm in Ellsworth township, comprising the south half of the southeast quarter of section 30. There he continued to devote his attention to general agricultural pursuits until the last ten years of his life, which were spent in honorable retirement from labor. He died at the home of his son Gustav in 1908, having for six years survived his wife, who passed away in 1902. The family was well known in this county and Mr. Gilbert served as township clerk and was also a school director for a number of years. To him and his wife were born ten children, of whom five are yet living.

Gustav Gilbert of this review spent his youthful days like the other children of the household, dividing his time between the acquirement of a public school education and such tasks as were assigned him by parental authority. He continued to work for his father until after

he had attained his majority and gained broad and valuable practical experience in that connection. He afterward rented land from his father for five years and eventually he purchased the south half of the northeast quarter of section 10, Twelve Mile Lake township, and is now the owner of an excellent farm of eighty acres. He carefully and persistently tills his fields, which return to him golden harvests as a reward for the labor which he bestows upon them. In addition to tilling the soil in the production of crops best adapted to climatic conditions here he is engaged in the raising of thoroughbred shorthorn cattle. His farm is splendidly improved with all modern equipments and his success is indeed the legitimate reward of his labor.

On the 27th day of September, 1894, Mr. Gilbert was married to Miss Barbara Sando and they have become the parents of seven children: Alma, who is in the city clerk's office in Estherville; Frithjof, who is attending the Jewell Lutheran College at Jewell, Iowa; and Viola, Luella, Odena, Rudolph and Margaret, all at home.

The religious faith of the parents is that of the Norwegian Lutheran church and politically Mr. Gilbert maintains an independent course, supporting men and measures rather than party. He has been township assessor for the past four years, was township clerk for eight years and for four years occupied that position in Ellsworth township. He is never neglectful of the duties of citizenship and always faithfully performs every public service entrusted to him. He has many genuinely fine qualities and he is a representative of that class of successful agriculturists who have done much for the upbuilding of the state.

MARTIN H. PETERSEN.

Martin H. Petersen has passed his entire life in Denmark township and has continued the work of his father in the improvement and cultivation of the homestead on section 12. His birth occurred May 11, 1894, and his parents were Robert P. and Kirsten (Jensen) Petersen, natives of Denmark, the former of whom was taken to Michigan when he was but six years old. The paternal grandfather, Morton Petersen, was one of the earliest of the Danish settlers in Denmark township, Emmet county, and took up land under the homestead act. Robert P. Peterson subsequently joined his father in this county and worked in his employ until 1890, when he bought the farm now owned by Martin H. Petersen. There were eight children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Petersen, as follows: Anna, the wife of J. E. Hansen, a banker of Crystal Lake, Hancock county, Iowa; Marie, who married O. E. Olsen, of Comfrey, Minnesota; Martin H.; W. E., of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Ella, Dora, Eugene and Edna, all at home.

Martin H. Petersen entered the high school at Ringsted after completing the course offered in the district schools and still later was a stu-

dent in the Iowa State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls, Dana College at Blair, Nebraska, and the Waterloo (Iowa) Business College, from the last of which he was graduated in 1913. His father died September 11, 1910, and after leaving business college Mr. Petersen of this review, began cultivating the place for his mother and since 1915 has owned the farm. He gives a great deal of careful thought to the management of his work, keeps in touch with the most advanced methods of agriculture and is meeting with highly gratifying and well-deserved success.

Mr. Petersen was married on the 22d of December, 1914, to Georgina Henricksen, a daughter of John and Hannah (Madsen) Henricksen, early settlers of Denmark township, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Petersen is an adherent of the republican party but has never sought office. He holds membership in the Danish Lutheran church, which indicates the standards which have determined his life, and is one of the most highly esteemed residents of his township.

MARCUS SNYDER.

The business and financial interests of Spirit Lake have a worthy representative in Marcus Snyder, who is proprietor of a shoe store at that place and is also serving as vice president of the Spirit Lake National Bank. He was born in Dupage county, Illinois, November 6, 1849, and is a son of John I. and Hannah (Vandusen) Snyder. The father was a native of Dutchess county, New York, where he grew to manhood and followed farming until 1847, in which year he came west, making the journey by the Great Lakes and overland to Dupage county, Illinois. There he continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until 1852, when he removed to Winneshiek county, Iowa, and in 1865 he came to Dickinson county, taking up a homestead in Lakeville township, where he followed farming for many years. Selling his farm, he then retired from active labor and spent his last days in Milford, where he passed away at the age of seventy-six years. His wife, who was also a native of Dutchess county, New York, died on the home farm in Lakeville township in March, 1873.

Marcus Snyder was about three years of age when the family came to Iowa and in the district schools of Winneshiek and Carroll counties he acquired his education. In 1865 he commenced farming for his father and was thus employed for two years and a half. He was next engaged in railroad work in Kansas and Missouri, and although he had only one dollar in his pockets on leaving Dickinson county, he returned at the end of four years and ten months with eleven hundred and fifteen dollars in cash and a gold watch valued at one hundred dollars. He won part of this money as a champion stake puller, never having been defeated at this sport, and part as a runner against horses, he running forty rods

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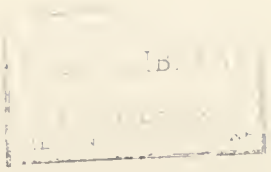

against eighty rods for the horse and in this also he never was defeated. With this capital he began loaning money at a time when interest was high and from 1872 until 1877 met with excellent success in that venture. In the latter year he established a private bank in partnership with William M. Smith under the firm name of Snyder-Smith & Company, theirs being the first bank opened for business in Dickinson county. It was on the 3d of January, 1877, that they commenced business in Spirit Lake in a building that stood at what is now the entrance of the Opera House on Main street. In 1879 Mr. Smith retired from the bank and Mr. Snyder was alone for a time. In March, 1882, he sold out to Duff Pearsall & Company, who had previously become interested in the business. A complete account of the early banking operations of Mr. Snyder can be found in Chapter Twenty-four of the historical volume of this work. For a few years after his retirement from the bank he continued to loan money and later became a dealer in wagons and buggies. In the fall of 1899 he bought out an old established shoe business in Spirit Lake, which he has since conducted. From January, 1906, to January, 1910, he served as president of the Spirit Lake National Bank, and has since filled the position of vice president. He is the owner of some valuable farm land and for one year was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits in Dickinson county, but soon realized that he was unfitted for that occupation.

On the 18th of October, 1874, in Freeport, Iowa, Mr. Snyder was united in marriage to Miss Ocie Rorebeck, who was born, reared and education in Illinois, being a young lady when she accompanied her parents, John and Eliza (Bennett) Rorebeck, on their removal to Winneshiek county, Iowa, of which they were early settlers. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, was born in New York and the mother in Illinois. Both are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder have one child, Amy Vern, a native of Dickinson county. She taught music for a time and is now the wife of A. S. Tyler, who is engaged in the shoe business with Mr. Snyder.

The democratic party finds in Mr. Snyder a stanch supporter of its principles and he has served on the city council in Spirit Lake but the honors and emoluments of public office have no attraction for him as his time is wholly occupied by his extensive business interests. He is a man of recognized ability and sound judgment and the success that has come to him is due entirely to his own well directed efforts.

HON. FREDERICK WILLIAM JONES.

There is probably no resident of Dickinson county more widely or more favorably known than Hon. Frederick William Jones, who represented his district in the state legislature during the thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth sessions and who is a leader in the agricultural circles of

the county. His farm, which is known as Stony Point Farm, is beautifully situated on Spirit Lake and in its development and improvement is a fine example of what progressive methods can accomplish. Mr. Jones was born in Mitchell county, Iowa, January 10, 1868, a son of Walter B. and Jane (Corey) Jones, natives respectively of England and of Geneva, New York. In the '50s the father emigrated to the United States and located in Mitchell county, Iowa, where he farmed until the Civil war. He then enlisted in Company K, Twenty-seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was at the front throughout the entire period of hostilities, or for more than four years, enlisting for one year after the expiration of the three year term of his first enlistment. He took part in a great deal of hard fighting and made an enviable record for bravery in action. After peace was declared he returned to Mitchell county, Iowa, and there learned the mason's trade, which he followed until 1882. In that year he located upon a farm south of Milford, in Dickinson county, where he carried on agricultural pursuits until he retired from active life. He spent his last days in the town of Milford, where his widow is still living.

Frederick W. Jones received his education in Mitchell county, Iowa, where he remained until 1882, when he accompanied the family on their removal to Milford township, Dickinson county. He operated his father's farm in that township until he was married, when he purchased a tract of land near Milford, to the operation of which he devoted his time and energies until 1899. In that year he was elected sheriff of Dickinson county and in 1900 took office. He proved so capable in the discharge of his duties that he was re-elected five times, serving in all for thirteen years and making a record for the length of incumbency in the office that has never been equaled. In 1914 he took up his residence upon Stony Point Farm, which is located on the shores of Spirit Lake, on sections 14 and 22, Spirit Lake township. It comprises two hundred and twenty-six acres and the improvements are all modern and greatly facilitate the work of the farm. He raises both grain and live stock, giving especial attention to the breeding of Duroc-Jersey hogs, and finds general farming more profitable than concentrating his energies entirely upon one phase of agriculture. He is vice president of the First National Bank of Spirit Lake and his judgment is highly respected in financial circles.

Mr. Jones was married at Wellsburg, New York, on the 12th of December, 1893, to Miss Cora Miller, a native of Bentley Creek, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Lewis P. and Jane (Wright) Miller, also natives of that place. The father followed agricultural pursuits for many years but is now living retired. The mother also survives. To Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been born two children: Lewis W., who is a student in the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts at Ames, Iowa; and Beulah E., who is attending the local schools. Both children are natives of Dickinson county.

Mr. Jones is a leader in republican circles in this part of the state

and has the enviable distinction of having been elected to every office for which he has been a candidate. As previously stated, he was sheriff of Dickinson county for thirteen years and for six years he was tax assessor of Milford township. He has also given of his time and thought to the management of the educational interests of his district, having served as school trustee for a considerable period. In 1912 he was honored by election to the house of representatives of the Iowa legislature and in 1914 was re-elected to that office. During the thirty-fifth session of the legislature he was a member of the committees on banks and banking, fish and game, roads and highways, commerce and traffic, labor and appropriations and because of his experience as an officer of the law was made chairman of the committee on police regulation. During the succeeding session he was chairman of the drainage committee and a member of the committees on roads and highways, railroad transportation, agriculture, fish and game, woman's suffrage and ways and means. Although he did efficient and faithful work on all the committees to which he was assigned he was especially active in the effort to secure the framing and passage of bills advancing the cause of good roads and succeeded in accomplishing much in that direction. He also did a great deal to secure better drainage laws. For years he has been a careful student of public affairs and is broad-minded and public-spirited in his attitude toward all questions affecting the general welfare. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church and has a number of fraternal connections, belonging to the Modern Woodmen of America, the Masonic blue lodge and chapter of Spirit Lake and the commandery and Mystic Shrine at Estherville, while both he and his wife belong to the Order of the Eastern Star.

ANDREW SMITH.

Andrew Smith, well known in financial circles in Emmet county as the cashier of the Estherville State Bank, entered upon his present relation in 1914 and in so doing the town gained a substantial, enterprising and progressive citizen. He was born in the north of Holland on the 6th of December, 1872, a son of Walter and Janet Smith. The father departed this life in Holland, where his remains were interred, and the mother is still living in that country. In their family were five children, Andrew, Nick, Kate, John and Walter. Three of the number are now in the United States, John being a resident of Spencer, Iowa, while Walter makes his home in Lennox, South Dakota.

Andrew Smith was a youth of seventeen years when he bade adieu to friends and native country and sailed for the United States. He had acquired a common school education in Holland and after making his way to the new world he settled at Rock Valley, Iowa, and soon afterward secured employment as a farm hand in that vicinity. He worked

at farm labor for two years and afterward spent four years as a journeyman blacksmith in South Dakota. At the call of President McKinley in May, 1898, on the outbreak of the war with Spain, he enlisted in a South Dakota regiment, becoming first sergeant of Company D, with which he served for more than a year in the Philippines, being on active duty for one hundred and thirty-two days. Two months were spent on the ocean. When the treaty of peace between the two countries was signed he received an honorable discharge, but returned to San Francisco to reenlist for service in putting down the insurrection of the Filipinos. He was honorably discharged in September, 1899.

When the country no longer needed his military aid Mr. Smith returned to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and afterward went to Emery, that state, where he filled the position of cashier in the Farmers Bank until October, 1914. In that year he came to Estherville and has since been closely associated with the Estherville State Bank, of which G. Zeeman is the president and A. D. Root vice president. Mr. Smith has continuously served as cashier with Sever T. Egerton and A. D. Schnapp as assistant cashiers. A general banking business is successfully conducted and the patronage of the institution is steadily growing. The bank is capitalized for fifty thousand dollars and has a surplus of ten thousand dollars. Its policy has to a considerable degree been formulated and promoted by Mr. Smith, whose previous banking experience well qualifies him for the responsibilities that devolve upon him in this connection.

On April 16, 1904, occurred the marriage of Mr. Smith and Miss Katherine E. Zeeman, a daughter of G. Zeeman, who is the president of the Estherville State Bank, and they now have one child, Russell C., who was born June 14, 1905. Mr. Smith and his wife attend the Episcopal church and their sterling worth ensures to them the hospitality of the best homes of Estherville. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and in his fraternal relations he is a Mason, loyal to the beneficent spirit of the craft and exemplifying at all times in his life its teachings concerning the brotherhood of mankind and the obligations thereby imposed.

KASPAR FALTINSON.

Kasper Faltinson, a well-known member of the bar at Armstrong, has served as postmaster since June, 1913, and has made a record which is highly creditable to his efficiency and fidelity to trust. A native of this state, he was born in Iowa county, September 10, 1864, and is a son of Faltin and Anna Maria Faltinson, both of whom were born near Stavanger, Norway. In 1855 they came to the United States and five years later took up their residence on a farm in Iowa county, where the father died in 1889. The mother still lives on the homestead. They were the parents

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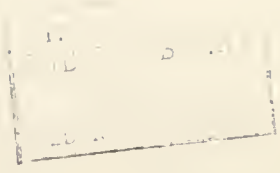

of twelve children, of whom seven survive. After becoming a naturalized citizen the father supported the democratic party, casting his first vote for Stephen A. Douglas and taking an active part in local politics. Possessing the high regard for the individual and the strongly developed sense of personal independence characteristic of the Norwegian race, he hated a monarchial form of government and was heartily in sympathy with the ideals of the American democracy.

Kaspar Faltinson was given unusually good educational advantages, as after attending the public schools he was a student in the Iowa City Academy and the State University of Iowa, graduating from the law department of the latter institution in 1891. In 1893 he located in Armstrong for the practice of his profession and has since been a member of the local bar. He has demonstrated his ability to meet successfully the problems that arise in the preparation and trial of cases and has built up a representative clientage. From 1894 until 1908 he was also editor of the Armstrong Journal and since June, 1913, he has been postmaster. He has so discharged his duties as to win the commendation of the citizens of the town and in fact in all that he has done has proved highly capable.

On the 4th of June, 1899, Mr. Faltinson was married to Miss Lora Marie Haughton, who was born August 20, 1879, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Haughton. She is a granddaughter of Captain Hiram Haughton and a niece of Colonel Haughton, early settlers of Toledo, Ohio, and for many years prominent in business circles of that city and in state politics. When twelve years of age she accompanied her parents to Iowa and has since been a resident of this state.

Mr. Faltinson was reared in the Lutheran faith and has always taken a keen interest in those movements which make for righteousness. He has been a member of the Masonic order since 1894 and in 1895 and 1900 served as worthy master of Emmet Lodge No. 533, A. F. & A. M. He is one of the most prominent democrats of his section of the state, has been a delegate to every state convention of the party since 1894, was its candidate for congress in the tenth district in 1900 and four years later was a candidate for county attorney, while for six years he served as mayor of Armstrong and was also for six years a member of the city council.

THOMAS R. PEGDEN.

Thomas R. Pegden, who has lived within the borders of Dickinson county for a period of forty-seven years, was long an active factor in agricultural and business circles of the community but is now spending the evening of life in honorable retirement at Milford. His birth occurred in England on the 24th of August, 1831, his parents being William and Susan (Atkins) Pegden, also natives of that country. In 1835 the father brought his family to the United States, locating in New York, where

he became a farmer and spent the remainder of his life. His demise occurred in the year 1849, while his wife, long surviving him, passed away in 1874.

Thomas R. Pegden was but four years of age when brought by his parents to the new world, and after obtaining his education he secured work by the month as a farm hand, being thus employed until 1862. In that year he became a private of Company D, One Hundred and Tenth New York Infantry, with which command he served for three years and twenty-two days, being mustered out with the rank of sergeant. He had proved a brave and loyal soldier and returned home with a most creditable military record. In 1866 he made his way to Ossian, Winneshiek county, Iowa, and rented a tract of land which he cultivated until 1870, which year witnessed his arrival in Dickinson county. Here he made a partial payment on a tract of land which he later traded for a homestead in Center Grove township, improving the same and continuing its operation for ten years. On the expiration of that period he sold the property and took up his abode at Okoboji, where he successfully conducted a dray line and made his home for fourteen years. In 1896 he removed to Milford, where he has resided continuously to the present time, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

In January, 1859, Mr. Pegden was united in marriage to Miss Katherine West, who passed away in January, 1910, at the age of seventy-six years. In politics Mr. Pegden is a republican, having ever stanchly supported the party which was the defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war. He still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades as a member of Waller Post, G. A. R. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church, the teachings of which he exemplifies in his daily life. The period of his residence in Dickinson county covers nearly a half century and he has therefore witnessed its development from pioneer times to the present. He has now passed the eighty-fifth milestone on life's journey and is one of the venerable and highly esteemed citizens of his community.

RALPH M. BUTLER.

Ralph M. Butler, who is acceptably serving as cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank of Ringsted, is a native of Iowa, his birth occurring in Benton county on the 15th of February, 1890. His parents are Allen R. and Josephine (Grettenberg) Butler, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Black Hawk county, Iowa. It was during his childhood that the father came to this state and located in Benton county, where he made his home until 1894, when he removed to Emmet county, Iowa. After farming here for some time he embarked in the hardware business at Dolliver and in April, 1915, after serving as sheriff of Emmet county for eight years, removed to Ceylon, Minnesota, where he has since engaged

in the banking business, being president of the First National Bank at that place and one of its leading business men. His wife is also living.

Being only four years of age on the removal of the family to Emmet county, Ralph M. Butler was here reared and educated. At the age of eighteen he entered a bank at Dolliver as bookkeeper and held that position for three and one-half years. Subsequently he was cashier in a bank at Cylinder for the same length of time, and then came to Ringsted, Emmet county, to accept the position of cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank. This institution was organized in 1915 by Mr. Butler and his father and the capital stock is fifteen thousand dollars, while the deposits now amount to seventy thousand dollars. The present officers are Andrew Larson, president; J. M. Resh, vice president; R. M. Butler, cashier; and S. C. Horen, assistant cashier. Beside his interest in this bank Mr. Butler is a stockholder of the First National Bank of Ceylon, Minnesota. He is a man of good business and executive ability, thoroughly understands the financial interests of the country and in his chosen field of labor is meeting with excellent success.

In politics Mr. Butler is a republican and is now serving as town clerk of Ringsted and as secretary of the school board. Religiously he is a member of the Presbyterian church and fraternally is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Yeomen. He is one of the representative young business men of Emmet county who has already met with success in life and a bright future seems in store for him.

JOHN T. VIGDAL.

Since 1906 John T. Vigdal, a farmer and stock raiser of Iowa Lake township, Emmet county, has lived on his fine farm on section 23. He was born in Chickasaw county, Iowa, in September, 1874, of the marriage of John and Anna (Wickman) Vigdal. The father was born in Norway but in early life came to America and located in Algona, Iowa. He was an engineer in the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway for several years and helped to construct the road as far west as Algona. He afterward engaged in farming in Chickasaw county and there passed away in 1888. His wife, who was born in Clayton county, Iowa, is still living.

John T. Vigdal passed the days of his boyhood and youth in Chickasaw and Kossuth counties, Iowa, and remained with his mother until he became of age. He then bought from her a farm in Kossuth county which he operated for four years, after which he sold it back to his mother. He then went to Armstrong, Emmet county, and for two years farmed rented land. It was in 1906 that he bought his present property, which comprises eighty acres on section 23, Iowa Lake township. The improvements upon the place compare favorably with those found on neighboring farms.

Every facility is provided for the care of live stock and he feeds about a carload of cattle a year. His well-directed activities are rewarded by a gratifying profit and he ranks among the best farmers of his locality.

In February, 1895, occurred the marriage of Mr. Vigdal and Miss Martha Lubka and they became the parents of seven children, Laura, Emma, John, Hazel, Myrtle, Roscoe and Martha. The wife and mother died in April, 1907, and in July, 1908, Mr. Vigdal wedded Miss Ida Lubka, a sister of his first wife. To the second union have been born three children, Theodore, Ida and Willie.

Mr. Vigdal gives his political support to the republican party and is now serving his second term as township trustee and has also held the office of constable. Furthermore his interest in educational matters has been recognized by his election as a school director. Fraternally, he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and in religious faith he is a Lutheran.

GEORGE ALLEN NICHOLS.

George Allen Nichols, editor and business manager of the Vndicator and Republican at Estherville, was born November 27, 1859, in Oneida county, New York, his parents being Charles B. and Henrietta E. (Taft) Nichols, who were natives of the Empire state and who is 1865 removed westward to Wisconsin, settling in Richland county among its early settlers.

It was there that George A. Nichols obtained his education by attending the district and high schools and in 1881 he was graduated from the Sextonville high school, after which he entered upon the study of law in the Wisconsin State University and also read under the direction of his uncle, N. F. Nichols, a well known attorney of Aurora, Illinois. Having been admitted to the bar, he practiced his profession in the territory of Dakota in 1885 and 1886 and then turned his attention to the newspaper business, which he followed in Dakota territory and in South Dakota after the admission of the state into the Union. There he remained until 1893, when he removed with his family to Estherville, Iowa, and purchased a half interest in the Emmet County Republican, of which he afterward became the sole proprietor. The Republican was later merged with the Northern Vindicator and the paper is now published under the name of the Vindicator and Republican with Mr. Nichols as editorial and business manager. He has devoted his entire time to newspaper work since taking his initial step in that field save for the three winters of 1896, 1897 and 1898, which he spent in Des Moines as journal clerk of the senate in the state legislature. He has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking but served for two terms as a member of the city council of Estherville. His influence, however, has always been on the side of progress and improvement, of right and reform, and he has

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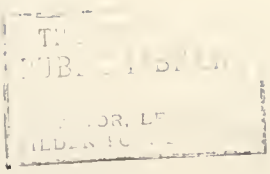

done much to further advancement along those lines. His only financial interests, save for some minor investments, are in Estherville property and in land in Michigan and in Florida.

On the 16th of February, 1885, in Richland county, Wisconsin, Mr. Nichols was united in marriage to Miss Adelaide M. Carson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Carson, who were pioneer settlers of southwestern Wisconsin. The mother was the first white child born in what is now Muscoda, Wisconsin, and represented one of the oldest families of that portion of the state. The father remained an influential farmer and mill owner of southwestern Wisconsin until called to his final rest. Mrs. Nichols is liberally educated and is a graduate of the Minneapolis Conservatory of Music. By her marriage she has become the mother of a son and two daughters: Herbert T.; Emma E., now the wife of W. E. Deming, of Estherville; and Henrietta A., at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Nichols hold membership in the Episcopal church and fraternally he is a prominent Mason, belonging to North Star Lodge, No. 447, A. F. & A. M.; Jeptha Chapter, No. 128, R. A. M.; Esdraelon Commandery, No. 52, K. T.; and North Star Chapter, O. E. S. He likewise belongs to the Elks lodge, No. 528, of Estherville, and from 1894 until 1896 inclusive he was secretary of North Star Lodge and in 1892 was commander of Esdraelon Commandery. His political allegiance is given to the republican party. He is a man of wide interests and marked public spirit and his influence has been a potent factor on the side of progress, development and improvement in Emmet county for many years.

L. T. PETERSEN.

For several years L. T. Petersen was actively identified with the agricultural interests of Emmet county but is now located at Graettinger, where he is engaged in business as a stock dealer. He was born in Germany in 1876 and there spent the first sixteen years of his life, most of that time being devoted to his education. It was in 1892 that he crossed the Atlantic to the new world and on reaching this country proceeded at once to Iowa, where for four years he worked as a farm hand. At the end of that time he was able to commence farming on his own account and for some years operated rented land. In 1906 he purchased three hundred and twenty acres in Emmet county, whereon he resided for ten years, devoting his attention to its cultivation and improvement during that time. He then rented his farm and removed to Graettinger and has since engaged in buying and shipping stock of all kinds. In this venture he has steadily prospered and has been able to add to his property, now owning one hundred and sixty acres of land near Graettinger and an eighty-acre tract in Florida which cost him fifty dollars per acre. He is a very enterprising, energetic and industrious business man and to these

characteristics may be attributed his success, for on coming to the new world he was without capital and has since been dependent entirely upon his own resources.

JAMES B. KNIPE, M. D.

Dr. James B. Knipe, who is successfully engaged in the practice of medicine in Armstrong, was born in Butler county, Iowa, February 15, 1881, his parents being Jacob M. and Anna (Bolton) Knipe, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Virginia. During their childhood they were brought to Iowa, however, and on reaching mature years were married in this state. They now reside in Butler county. To them were born four children but the Doctor is the only one now living.

Reared to manhood in Butler county, Iowa, Dr. Knipe obtained his early education in the common schools and later attended Cornell College for one year. For two years he was a student at Drake University in Des Moines and then entered the medical department of the State University of Illinois, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1904. In August of that year he located in Armstrong and as time passed he gradually built up a good practice which he is now enjoying. He keeps well informed on the latest discoveries made in the science of medicine and surgery and today ranks among the leading physicians of Emmet county.

On the 1st of June, 1908, Dr. Knipe married Miss Grace Stuart, a native of Grundy county, Iowa, and a daughter of William and Jennie Stuart. The Doctor and his wife have two children, Alice Edith and William Jacob. They own a nice residence in Armstrong and are earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church at that place. In politics the Doctor is a republican and is now serving as a member of the town council. For three years he was also a member of the school board and he never withholds his support from any enterprise that he believes will benefit the moral, educational or material welfare of his community. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, No. 533, A. F. & A. M., in which he has filled all of the chairs, and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

AUGUST KREIS.

August Kreis resides on a farm of section 12, in Twelve Mile Lake township, owning the southeast quarter of that section, which is a valuable and productive tract of land. The family home was maintained in Twelve Mile Lake township at the time of his birth, which occurred on the 15th of May, 1870. His parents were natives of Germany and were among the earliest settlers of Emmet county. There the father homesteaded, for at

that period much of the land had not yet been taken up but remained in the possession of the government just as it came from the hand of nature. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made upon the tract which Mr. Kreis secured and with the characteristic energy he began to improve and develop the property. Thereon he reared his family of five children, of whom two are living, the daughter being Carrie, now the wife of Sam Molster, of Story City, Iowa. The parents have both passed away.

August Kreis attended the district schools in the winter months until seventeen years of age and through the summer seasons assisted more and more largely in the work of the farm as his years and strength increased. He continued his work upon the old homestead until he had attained his majority, after which he was employed at farm labor in various places. He now owns the southeast quarter of section 12, Twelve Mile Lake township, and in addition has two hundred and seventy-six acres of land in Aurora county, South Dakota.

Mr. Kreis maintains an independent course, politically, casting his ballot for the candidates whom he regards as best fitted for office without regard to their party affiliation. He has a wide acquaintance in the county in which his entire life has been spent and it is a well-known fact that his success is due to hard labor, so that he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, overcoming many obstacles and difficulties in the attainment of his present prosperity.

J. D. GEISSINGER, M. D.

Dr. J. D. Geissinger, one of the well-known physicians and surgeons of Spirit Lake, is a native son of Iowa, his birth occurring in Poweshiek county, February 2, 1880. His father, J. W. Geissinger, was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, where he grew to manhood, and having acquired a good practical education engaged in teaching in that state for some time. In Huntingdon county he married Miss Mary Boden, who was born in Ireland but was reared in the Keystone state. About 1878 he removed to Iowa and settled in Poweshiek county, but in 1884 came to Dickinson county, purchasing a farm in Westfort township, where he engaged in farming. Upon this place he reared his family and remained for some years, but finally sold out and removed to Spencer. A few years later, however, he returned to Dickinson county and located in Milford. He has been honored by numerous official positions and is one of the highly esteemed citizens of his community. His wife is an active and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Milford.

Dr. Geissinger was only four years of age when the family became residents of Dickinson county, and in its common schools he acquired his early education. Later he attended the Milford high school and was also a student at Highland Park College for three years. Having decided to

take up the medical profession he subsequently entered the Northwestern University and was graduated in 1907 with the degree of M. D. The following eighteen months were spent in the Cook County Hospital at Chicago, where he supplemented his theoretical knowledge by active practice and on his return home was associated with Dr. Q. C. Fuller at Milford for a short time. Since then he has been a resident of Spirit Lake, where he has built up a large and lucrative practice, being recognized as one of the leading physicians and surgeons of the city. He has taken several post-graduate courses and keeps in touch with the advancement made along the line of his profession by his membership in the Dickinson County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

On the 31st of August, 1910, at Milford, Iowa, Dr. Geissinger was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Anderson, who was reared and educated in Dickinson county, and is a daughter of John G. Anderson, now living at Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Doctor and his wife have two children, James D. and Rosemary Ellen.

Dr. Geissinger is a Royal Arch Mason belonging to both the lodge and chapter in Spirit Lake, and is now serving as senior warden in the former. Both he and his wife are connected with the Eastern Star and they are people of prominence in the community where they reside.

SAMUEL L. PILLSBURY.

One of the most prominent and influential citizens of Dickinson county is Samuel L. Pillsbury of Spirit Lake, who for many years filled important official positions and has borne an active part in the development and upbuilding of this region. He was born in Kane county, Illinois, March 16, 1836, and is a son of Rev. S. Pillsbury, whose birth occurred in Johnsburg, New York, on the 12th of July, 1802. For some time the Pilsbury family resided in Vermont and from that state removed to Monroe county, New York, where Rev. Pillsbury completed his education. There he engaged in teaching school for some years but in 1835 entered the ministry and after his removal to Illinois was ordained a deacon by the Rock River Conference in 1840. He preached at various places in the middle west but finally located in Winnebago county, Illinois, where he had charge of a church until superannuated. In 1863 he became a resident of Dickinson county, Iowa, locating at what is known as Pillsbury's Point, on Lake Okoboji. His first residence was the Gardner cabin. On the 9th of June, 1829, in Monroe county, New York, Rev. Pillsbury was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Ann Latta, also a native of that state, and to them were born four sons and two daughters, all of whom reached years of maturity, and two sons and one daughter are still living. On coming to Dickinson county Rev. Pillsbury became prominently identified with its public affairs and for some years served as

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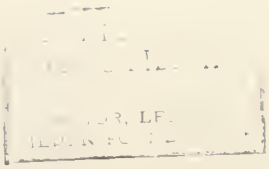

county judge. After that office was abolished he served as county auditor for one year and spent his last days in retirement at Okoboji. He passed away on the 29th of October, 1888, at Milford, Iowa.

Samuel L. Pillsbury passed the days of his boyhood and youth in Illinois, and his early education, acquired in the common schools, was supplemented by a course at Mount Morris Seminary. In 1860 he and his brother, Albert W., made a trip to Pike's Peak, where they engaged in mining for about three years, and at the end of that time Samuel L. returned to Illinois, while his brother went west. In 1863 the former, with his brother Wilbur, came to Dickinson county, Iowa, and took up their residence in the Gardner cabin at Pillsbury's Point, where Samuel L. entered a homestead and made some improvements thereon. In 1868 he was elected auditor of Dickinson county, being well fitted for that office as he had previously served as deputy under his father. Later he was reëlected at each succeeding election until he had served for twelve consecutive years. On his retirement from office he accepted the position of cashier in the B. B. Van Steenburg & Company Bank and served in that capacity for eleven years. On the organization of the First National Bank of Spirit Lake he was made cashier of that concern and held the position for three years. At the end of that time he was again elected county auditor and for six years continued in that office, making eighteen years in all as auditor of Dickinson county—a most remarkable record, probably without a parallel in Iowa. He has also served as a member of the city council of Spirit Lake for several terms and as a member of the school board for nineteen years. He was appointed administrator for the B. B. Van Steenburg estate which he has settled and adjusted satisfactorily.

At Okoboji, September 28, 1870, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Pillsbury and Miss Frances I. Phippin, who was born near Watertown, Jefferson county, New York, and was there reared and educated. She came to Dickinson county, Iowa, in 1861, and later became one of the pioneer teachers here. Her father was Samuel E. Phippin. Mr. and Mrs. Pillsbury began their domestic life in Okoboji but in 1873 removed to Spirit Lake which has since been their home. Their children are: Florence E., the wife of E. E. Bickal, of Spirit Lake, by whom she has two children, S. L. and Frances E.; Latta B., who served for six years as deputy auditor of Dickinson county but is now a resident of Redmond, Washington; Leon E., a business man of Spencer, Iowa; and Leo Vinton, who died at the age of three years.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Pillsbury has always affiliated with the republican party and is a recognized leader in its local ranks. He has served as treasurer of the blue lodge of the Masonic order at Spirit Lake for more than thirty years, and both he and his wife are also members of the Eastern Star Chapter, of which she was matron for twelve years. She belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and they are people of prominence in the community where they have so long made their home. They have spent several winters, however, on the Pacific slope,

both at Seattle and in California, and have also spent some time in Florida. For over half a century Mr. Pillsbury has been a resident of Dickinson county and there is probably no man within its borders who has borne a more active part in its public affairs. No trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree, and he commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he has been brought in contact either in public or private life.

ALBERT MYHRE.

For thirty-eight years Albert Myhre has been a resident of Emmet county, which covers the entire period of his life, for he is a native son of the county, his birth having here occurred on the 20th of January, 1879. He is now engaged in general merchandising at Huntington under the firm style of Albert Myhre & Company and is numbered among the representative business men of his district. His parents were I. O. and Anna Myhre, both of whom were natives of Norway. Coming to Iowa in pioneer times, the father settled in High Lake township, Emmet county, in 1865 and there homesteaded, securing a tract of land which was just as it came from the hand of nature, not a furrow having been turned nor an improvement made upon the place. He at once began its development and his labors wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of the farm. At the time of the Civil war he put aside all business interests and, responding to the country's call for troops, joined the Fifteenth Wisconsin Infantry, with which he served for three years. During that period he participated in a number of important engagements and on one occasion was wounded in the left side. He was promoted to the rank of corporal and in later years he maintained pleasant relations with his old army comrades as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his loyalty in citizenship, called him to fill several township offices. He died in the year 1905 and was laid to rest in Riverside cemetery, in High Lake township, Emmet county. His widow survives and is now living in Estherville. In their family were eleven children, eight of whom are yet living, six being residents of Emmet county. The surviving members of the household are: Dorothy, now the wife of Thomas Storhow, of Estherville township; Oliver, who is married and makes his home in Twelve Mile Lake township; Oscar, who is married and resides in Wallingford; Martin, who is married and is located at Graettinger, Palo Alto county, Iowa; Caroline, of Estherville; Albert; Anna, the wife of J. Anderson, of High Lake township; and Elmer, who is married and makes his home at Swea City, Iowa.

After acquiring a district school education Albert Myhre attended the Decorah Institute and was graduated from the business department. He continued to work for his father until he attained his majority and then went to Huntington, where he entered the employ of C. L. Jeglum

& Company, proprietors of a general store, with whom he remained for five years. He later spent two years in the general store of A. O. Myhre & Son, of Estherville, and in 1908 he became a partner in the firm of Albert Myhre & Company and has since been manager of the business. Theirs is a general store in which they carry a large line of clothing, shoes, groceries and dry goods, for which they find a ready sale, as their reliable business methods commend them to the confidence and support of the public.

On the 4th of July, 1904, Mr. Myhre was united in marriage to Miss Minnie H. Harvego, a daughter of H. and Amelia Harvego. The mother has now passed away and was laid to rest in the Harvego cemetery in Ellsworth township, while the father now makes his home in Morrison county, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Myhre have one child, John H., who was born May 27, 1914.

The parents are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church and in politics Mr. Myhre is a stalwart republican, serving at the present time as postmaster of Huntington. He is well known as a representative and progressive business man of his town and his well-directed labors in the management of his business are bringing to him deserved and gratifying success.

ALBERT C. NIELSEN.

Albert C. Nielsen, who has met with gratifying success as a farmer in Denmark township, Emmet county, was born in Clinton, Iowa, March 9, 1881, a son of Niels and Nicolena (Matheson) Nielsen, natives of Denmark. In 1882 the family left Iowa and took up their residence in Denmark township, Emmet county. This region was just being opened up to white settlement and in fact the Nielsens were the third family to locate in that township. The father purchased the south half of the northeast quarter of section 13 and for about a quarter of a century, or until 1905, he concentrated his energies upon the cultivation of that tract. Upon retiring from active life he removed to Ringsted, where he and his wife still reside. All of their three children are living, namely: Carrie, now Mrs. F. C. Petersen, of Ringsted; Albert C.; and George K., also a resident of Ringsted.

Albert C. Nielsen attended the district schools until he was seventeen years old and subsequently worked for his father until the latter retired. He now owns the homestead and keeps everything about the place in excellent condition so that it is one of the model farms of the township. He raises both grain and stock and derives a gratifying income from his well-directed labors.

On the 18th of December, 1907, Mr. Nielsen was united in marriage to Mrs. Anna M. (Simonsen) Duhn. Her parents, Simon K. and Margaret Simonsen, brought their family from Denmark to the United States

when their daughter Anna was but eight months old. The family home was established at Graettinger, Palo Alto county, Iowa, and there the mother passed away and is buried. The father survives. Mrs. Nielsen was first married to Lars Duhn, who died July 7, 1906. By her second union she has three children, Ervin, Melvin and Harold.

Mr. Nielsen takes the interest of a good citizen in public affairs, although not an office seeker and in the exercise of his right of franchise supports the man rather than the party. He is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America of Ringsted, the Denmarks Minde Society of Ringsted and St. John's Danish Lutheran church. He was trained to hard work and the success which is his is the direct result of his industry.

ANDREW LARSEN.

The financial interests of Emmet county have a worthy representative in Andrew Larsen, who is now serving as president of the Farmers Savings Bank of Ringsted. Like many of the leading citizens of Iowa he is of foreign birth, born in Denmark, November 3, 1855, and his parents, Lars and Anna Sophia Andersen, were also natives of that country. There the father engaged in business as a merchant throughout his active life and passed away there in October, 1914, at the advanced age of ninety years. The mother is still living at the age of eighty-seven.

In the land of his nativity Andrew Larsen grew to manhood, acquiring his education in the common schools and working for his father until fifteen years of age, when he began learning the cabinetmaker's trade, which he followed in Denmark until 1878. During the following two years he served in the Danish army and in 1880 came to the United States, locating at Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he worked at his trade in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad for ten years.

In 1890 Mr. Larsen came to Emmet county and settled in Denmark township on land which he had purchased in 1882. For some years he devoted his time and energies to agricultural pursuits with good results but in March, 1916, he retired from farming and removed to Ringsted. For three years he had been interested in general merchandising at Emmetsburg, but on the organization of the Farmers Savings Bank at Ringsted in 1915 he became its president and has since served in that capacity. He is a stockholder in the Bankers Trust Company & Savings Bank of Minneapolis, in the Bankers Trust Company of Des Moines, and in the Iowa National Fire Insurance Company, of Des Moines, all of which are million dollar concerns, and is also a stockholder of the Ringsted State Bank and the Farmers Elevator Company, of which he was one of the organizers, serving as vice president of the same for some years. He was formerly secretary of the Ringsted Creamery Company. He has improved three different farms in Emmet county, but at present only

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owns one of these—a tract of one hundred and twenty acres on section 22, Denmark township, one of the best improved farms in that locality. On the 11th of May, 1914, most of the buildings upon the place were destroyed by cyclone. Mr. Larsen has been very successful in his farming operations and raised high grade stock on his land, feeding about one carload for market annually.

In November, 1882, Mr. Larsen married Miss Hansine Miller, who died leaving two children: Anna Eleanor, now the wife of Lars P. Larsen, a farmer of Emmet county; and Agnes Matonea, wife of Bernhard Nelsen, of Chicago. For his second wife Mr. Larsen married Miss Carolina Petersen, who died in 1891, and by that union there was one child, Hans Henry Grant Larsen, at home. In December, 1893, Mr. Larsen was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Petersen.

Mr. Larsen supports the men and measures of the democratic party and he has served as township clerk and president of the school board for many years. He is a member of the Danish Lutheran church and is also connected with the Denmarks Minde, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Loyal Order of Moose and Danish Brotherhood of America. It is as a business man, however, that he is best known and he today occupies an enviable position in business circles. He is a banker of sound judgment and keen insight into financial affairs and the success that has come to him is the just reward of earnest and persistent labor guided by a mind alert and far sighted.

JOSEPH A. HARING.

Joseph A. Haring, wide-awake, alert and energetic, is prominently connected with the business interests of Wallingford, where he is also filling the office of mayor, and in this connection is giving to the city a businesslike and progressive administration. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1872 and is a son of William and Magdalena Haring, who were also natives of the Keystone state. The father was a railway engineer for a long period and during the last few years of his life devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. Both he and his wife have now passed away and their remains were interred at Clinton, Iowa. They had a family of eight children: George, now deceased; William, who is married and makes his home in Reading, Pennsylvania; Mary, the wife of J. S. Jones, of Lyons, Iowa; Lizzie, the wife of Charles Aue, of this state; Kate, the wife of J. F. Bockstaller, of Clinton, Iowa; John G., who is married and resides in Clinton; Joseph A.; and Robert, who is married and also makes his home in Clinton.

Joseph A. Haring was a little lad of but six years when he accompanied his parents to Clinton, Iowa, where the father was first employed as a railroad engineer, while later he turned his attention to the growing of fruit. There Joseph A. Haring entered the public schools, which he

attended until graduated from the high school. He afterward learned the machinists trade, which he followed until he reached the age of thirty-six years. Later he was engaged in merchandising with Frank Irwin at Marseilles, Illinois, for a year and after coming to Wallingford joined Frank Irwin in organizing the present firm of Irwin & Haring for the conduct of a general mercantile establishment. They also deal in hardware and meats and have built up a trade which is substantial and gratifying.

On the 24th of November, 1898, Mr. Haring was united in marriage to Miss Myra Irwin, a sister of his partner, and they have one son, Irwin, who was born in 1907.

Mr. Haring is a Mason, belonging to the lodge at Lyons, Iowa, and he is also connected with the Modern Woodmen camp at Wallingford, of which he is serving as clerk. He attends the Presbyterian church. His political support is given to the republican party and he is acknowledged one of its leaders in his community. On the city ticket he was elected mayor of Wallingford and is now the present chief executive of the town, directing its interests and seeking ever to promote its welfare.

CHARLES G. HARRISON.

Charles G. Harrison, whose home is on section 14, Armstrong Grove township, Emmet county, where he is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, was born on the 29th of August, 1862, in Wisconsin, and is a son of James and Martha (Pierson) Harrison, who were natives of Yorkshire, England, and came to America in the early '50s. Locating in Wisconsin, the father purchased land in Ironton, Sauk county, where he followed farming for many years. When the country became involved in civil war he enlisted in a Wisconsin regiment and remained in the service for three years. He then returned to his home and resumed farming, continuing to make his home in Wisconsin until his death, which occurred in 1906. His wife survived him five years, passing away in 1911.

On the old home farm in Wisconsin Charles G. Harrison grew to manhood with the usual educational advantages and he remained under the parental roof until twenty-three years of age, when he went to Washington, where he remained eleven years and took up a homestead eight miles from Olympia. On his return east he settled at Luverne, Iowa, where he purchased land and engaged in its operation for five years. At the end of that time he came to Emmet county and bought one hundred and sixty acres on sections 14 and 24, Armstrong Grove township. He resides on the former section and now has a well-improved and valuable farm, pleasantly located only a half mile from the city limits of Armstrong. He has residence property and five acres of land in that place besides his farm.

In 1892 Mr. Harrison was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Griffin,

and to them were born two children: James A., who died in 1896; and Clifford C., who graduated in 1917 from high school and now follows farming. Mr. Harrison is a life member of State Lodge No. 68, A. F. & A. M., at Tacoma, Washington, and also belongs to the Yeomen. He attends the Methodist church at Armstrong and politically is identified with the republican party. He is one of the successful farmers and representative citizens of his community and well remits the respect which is accorded him.

JOHN CUNNINGHAM.

In the death of John Cunningham Emmet county lost a substantial, worthy and respected citizen, a man who had long been prominently and actively identified with its agricultural interests and who in every relation of life had conducted himself with such signal energy as to win the esteem of all with whom he came in contact. He was born in Dublin, Ireland, on the 10th of May, 1822, and on crossing the Atlantic to the United States when twenty-six years of age made his way to Tennessee. There he worked as a stone and brick mason for a number of years and afterward went to Wisconsin, where he was employed at railroad work and in lumber camps. He also worked to some extent at the stone mason's trade. Thinking to find still better business opportunities in the new and growing western country, he made his way to Emmet county and was one of the first to settle within its borders. He came with the Mahers just after the Indians drove out the original settlers and before the Ridleys came. Mr. Cunningham purchased the south half of section 36, High Lake township, a tract of raw land on which not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made. He at once began to develop and cultivate the property and lived thereon during the rest of the hard times when existence in Emmet county meant a continuous struggle. As the years advanced, however, times and conditions changed and Mr. Cunningham's efforts resulted in converting his tract of wild prairie into rich and productive fields from which he annually gathered good harvests that brought him a substantial financial return. He remained upon that place to the time of his death, which occurred September 22, 1904. His life was one of untiring industry, thrift and perseverance and his success was due to those qualities.

Mr. Cunningham was married in Wisconsin to Miss Elizabeth Banks, a native of Dublin, Ireland, whose parents never came to the United States. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham: Michael, who has passed away; one who died in infancy; John, a resident of Emmet county; Thomas and William, both deceased; Adeline, living in Waterloo, Iowa; James, who is cultivating the old home farm; and Mary, the wife of Philbert John Lee Master, who is associated with her brother James in carrying on the old homestead.

Mr. Cunningham was a Catholic in religious faith and in politics was a democrat. He held all the township offices and his loyalty in citizenship stood as an unquestioned fact in his career. His was an active and useful life and indicates what may be accomplished when there is determination and energy. In the face of obstacles and difficulties he worked his way upward and was thus able to leave to his family a very substantial competence as well as an honored name.

CHARLES W. CRIM

Charles W. Crim, a member of the Estherville bar, was born in Carroll county, Ohio, in May, 1850, a son of John and Salina Crim, who were farming people of the Buckeye state, whence they removed to Iowa in 1855, settling in Boone county, near Mineral Ridge, where they spent their remaining days. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and people of genuine personal worth. They reared a family of three sons and six daughters. The Crim family comes of German ancestry and was established on American soil prior to the Revolutionary war, settlement being made in Virginia. One branch of the family, opposed to the institution of slavery, removed to Ohio and from that state its representatives have gone to all parts of the country, especially to various states of the west.

Charles W. Crim learned life's lessons practically in the hard school of experience. He worked on a farm through the summer and in the winter months mastered such branches of learning as were taught in the district schools near his father's home. Between the ages of eighteen and twenty-four years he taught school and devoted the hours which are usually termed leisure to the study of law, utilizing every possible moment in that manner until admitted to the bar on examination. In the meantime he had spent a few terms as a pupil in Simpson College at Indianola, Iowa, but otherwise he has been self taught. He had the usual experiences of the pioneer boy, living in a log cabin in an unsettled country with its attendant hardships, the meals of the family largely consisting of corn bread, pork and hominy. Such a life, however, is not without its pleasures and its opportunities. Necessity perhaps calls for hard labor, but at the same time it develops the best in the individual, gives him strength and power of resistance and makes him ready for anything that may come. Laudable ambition prompted Mr. Crim to prepare for the bar and since his admission he has continuously practiced his profession in the state and federal courts. At the same time he has been a reader of general literature and has kept in touch with the trend of modern thought and progress. He has also broadened the scope of his business connections through investments in banks and other local enterprises, including a wholesale grocery house and a telephone company.

In September, 1890, Mr. Crim was married to Miss Sarah McCulla,

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a daughter of Robert and Jane McCulla, of a Scotch-Irish-Canadian family of farming people. Mrs. Crim was born in Iowa and engaged in teaching school prior to her marriage. Their daughter, Grace, who has been a student in the Universities of Minnesota and of Iowa, is now completing a course in language, liberal arts and music. The son, Charles Harold, is a student of engineering in the State University of Illinois.

As a farm boy Mr. Crim became a member of the Grange. He has since become identified with the Masonic bodies and the Knights of Pythias. His military experience covers service with the Iowa State Militia from 1878 until 1880. From 1892 until 1898 he filled the office of prosecuting attorney but has never been an aspirant for office, preferring to concentrate his efforts upon the private practice of law. In politics he has always been a republican and is a believer in preparedness, military and otherwise. He is also a protectionist and is rather inclined to the Hamiltonian than the Jeffersonian theory of popular government. He has ever believed that the surest road to permanent success in life is through untiring industry, hard work and unflinching integrity and he has thus shaped his course with the result that he stands today among the most able and prominent of the lawyers of this section of the state. He is a believer in the religion of correct living as defined by the golden rule and as explained in Bryant's "Thanatopsis."

WALTER B. JONES.

Walter B. Jones, deceased, was one of the honored citiezns of Dickinson county, who served for three years as a soldier of the Civil war and in times of peace was always found to be a loyal and patriotic citizen of his adopted country. He was born on the other side of the Atlantic, his birth occurring in Kent county, England, January 10, 1839, and his parents, Frederick and Jane Jones, never left that country, both dying in England some years ago.

Walter B. Jones was reared and educated in his native land and was nineteen years of age when, in 1858, he came to the United States and located at Northwood, Worth county, Iowa, where he spent three years. He next made his home in Mitchell county, Iowa, and while residing there he enlisted in 1862 in Company K, Twenty-seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with whom he served until hostilities ceased. During his service his health became permanently impaired and he was unable to do much work after the war. He was a mason by trade and continued to follow that occupation in Mitchell, Iowa, until 1881, when he came to Dickinson county and purchased land in Milford township. He improved his farm and engaged in its cultivation for sixteen years, at the end of which time he retired from active labor and spent the remainder of his life in retirement at Milford. The farm which he purchased for seven dollars per acre

has recently been sold for two hundred dollars per acre, so valuable has land become in this section of the state.

On the 7th of November, 1865, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Olive J. Carey, a daughter of William W. and Lydia Jane (Domburgh) Carey, who were natives of New York. Her father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in 1880, and her mother passed away in 1886. To Mr. and Mrs. Jones were born six children, namely: Elizabeth, the wife of John L. Pitcher, of Spencer, Iowa; Fred W., who served as sheriff of Dickinson county for fifteen years and was state representative four years but is now living on a farm near Spirit Lake; Guy, a resident of Fort Collins, Colorado; Nellie E., who died June 17, 1904, at the age of twenty-eight years; Earl, a resident of Spencer; and Zella, who is the wife of Jarvis J. Dennis, of Milford, and has one child, Frederick, born November 17, 1916.

After a useful and well-spent life Mr. Jones passed away February 14, 1914, having been ill only one week. He laid the foundation for the first business house in Milford and was actively identified with the upbuilding and development of this region. For forty-eight years he was an honored member of the Masonic fraternity and was also a prominent member of Waller Post, G. A. R. In politics he was a republican and in religious faith was an Episcopalian. Wherever known he was held in high regard and when he departed this life he left a host of friends as well as his immediate family to mourn his death.

GEORGE H. WEST.

A well improved farm property is that owned by George H. West, who has one hundred and sixty acres on section 8, Center township, Emmet County. He was born on that section May 25, 1871, a son of George and Ann (Cousins) West, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Canada. It was in 1859 that the father crossed the Atlantic to America, making his way first to Ohio, while in 1866 he became a resident of Emmet County. The work of development and improvement had scarcely been begun in this section of the state, much of the land being still in possession of the government. He took up a homestead on section 8, Center Township, to which he afterward added by additional purchase, increasing his holdings from time to time until he had four hundred and eighty acres at the time of his death, which occurred in 1909.

George H. West of this review is one of a family of fourteen children, twelve of whom are yet living. He was reared and educated in Center township, attending the common schools through the winter months, while the summer seasons were devoted to farm work. He continued to assist his father until he reached the age of twenty-seven years and then began farming on his own account on rented land. He was thus engaged until 1911, when he purchased the farm upon which he now

resides, comprising a quarter of section 8, Center township. His labors have been productive of splendid results in the development and improvement of this tract. He has erected fine buildings, has purchased the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields and has divided his farm by well-kept fences. In fact, none of the accessories of the model farm property of the twentieth century are lacking.

On the 1st of January, 1904, Mr. West was married to Miss Anna Maniece, a native of Ireland and a daughter of Frank and Eleanor (Burrell) Maniece, who were also natives of the Emerald isle, whence they came to the United States in 1883, at which time they settled in Wisconsin. They afterward removed to Iowa and took up their abode upon a farm in Emmet township, Emmet county. Mr. and Mrs. West have become the parents of four children, Margaret M., Elizabeth E., Kenneth E. and Florence F.

Mr. and Mrs. West hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and are loyal and consistent Christian people. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. His political support is given to the republican party and he has served as township clerk and as school director. He is always interested in matters pertaining to the general welfare and coöperates in many plans and measures for the development and upbuilding of the county. A lifelong resident here, he has witnessed its many changes through forty-five years and is today numbered among the honored early settlers.

PAUL M. WADE.

Paul M. Wade, proprietor of a general store in Terril, was born on the 26th of March, 1886, in Illinois, of which state his parents, Jacob M. and Hannah (Clump) Wade were also natives. In the spring of 1893 the family removed to Dickinson county, Iowa, and located upon a farm where the parents remained until 1911. They are now living at Superior, Iowa. All of their four children survive. Paul M. Wade was about seven years of age when he became a resident of Dickinson county, and in its common schools he has acquired the greater part of his education. For one year he attended the high school of Terril. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-one years of age and then engaged in farming on his own account for two years. In 1910 he turned his attention to mercantile pursuits and now owns a good general store in which he carries a well-selected stock. He has built up a good trade, his patronage coming from the village and the surrounding country. Besides his town property he also owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in North Dakota.

On the 9th of September, 1908, Mr. Wade was united in marriage to Miss Maud Pearl Clark, who was born in Dickinson county and is one of a family of six children, her parents being John C. and Martha (Gran-

ling) Clark, who are still living in Dickinson county. Mr. and Mrs. Wade have two children, Lyle Elwin and Evelyn Maurine.

In politics Mr. Wade is a stanch republican and he is taking an active interest in public affairs, being now a member of the town council of Terril. He is a member of Terril Lodge, No. 612, A. F. & A. M., and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and he is now serving as one of its trustees. He owns a fine residence in the village and is numbered among its representative business men. Prosperity has come to him through his own unaided efforts, for he started out in life for himself empty handed and by industry, economy and good judgment has become quite well-to-do.

RICHARD HORSWELL.

Richard Horswell, deceased, was for many years identified with the agricultural and stock raising interests of Emmet county, his home being on sections 13 and 14, Armstrong Grove township. He was born in England, March 25, 1822, and was a son of John and Mary (Upham) Horswell, who never came to America but died in England, the former in 1835 and the latter in 1830. In the land of his birth Richard Horswell was reared and educated and at the age of thirteen years started out to make his own way in the world. When fourteen years old he began learning the milling business which he followed in England and Canada for thirty-five years. At the age of twenty-one he removed to Canada but was afterward taken ill and returned to his native land for the benefit of his health. He remained there four years, during which time he was married. At the end of that time he again went to Canada accompanied by his wife and their two children, but twelve years later we again find them in England, in order that their children might have better educational advantages. In 1867 Mr. Horswell again took his family to Canada, where his wife died the same year. From there he removed to Humboldt county, Iowa, where he remained for two years and then came to Emmet county, taking up a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres on section 14, Armstrong Grove township. Subsequently he purchased another quarter section across the road on section 13. He at once began the improvement of his place and made it one of the finest farms in the county. He was a breeder of thoroughbred Durham cattle and Poland China hogs, and during his residence here met with well-deserved success in his labors. He continued to reside upon his farm up to the time of his death, but for the last ten years practically lived retired, renting his land to tenants.

In 1845 Mr. Horswell was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Wood, by whom he had seven children, John R., Mary E., Adeline, George, Charles, Albert and Victor. The last named is now deceased and the wife and mother passed away in 1867. In March, 1870, Mr. Horswell wedded

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Dorcas Cronk, a daughter of David and Nancy (Clark) Cronk, natives of Canada. Her father, who was a farmer by occupation, continued to reside in Canada throughout life and passed away in 1867 at the age of sixty-five years, and her mother died in 1890 at the age of seventy-nine years. By his second marriage Mr. Horswell had the following children, Victoria, Walter, Maude, Thyrza, Frances, May, Garfield, Blanche, Blaine and Lincoln. Of these Frances is deceased.

After a useful and well-spent life Mr. Horswell passed away on the 4th of August, 1915, at the advanced age of ninety-three years, four months and ten days. His widow still makes her home on the farm. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and a Methodist in religious faith. Politically, he supported the men and measures of the republican party. During his residence in Emmet county he became widely and favorably known, and at his death left many friends as well as his immediate family to mourn his loss.

AMASA D. ROOT.

Amasa D. Root, living retired at Estherville, became a resident of that city in 1890 and for twenty-two years was prominently identified with its business interests as a dealer in lumber, coal and machinery. The unfailing enterprise and reliable business methods which he manifested brought to him a substantial measure of success that now enables him to rest from further labor. He was born in Delaware county, New York, in 1846, a son of Daniel and Cornelia (Grim) Root, who were also natives of the Empire state, where the father followed the occupation of farming. In 1852 he removed with his family to Richford, Wisconsin, and there carried on general agricultural pursuits up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1860. In the family were five children: Elmira, the widow of T. G. Bartlett and a resident of St. Paul, Nebraska; Anna, the widow of Henry Burgess and a resident of North Loup, Nebraska; Ora, who resided near Portage City, Wisconsin, but is now deceased; Elizabeth, the widow of Rufus Collins and a resident of Ord, Nebraska; and Amasa D., of this review.

The last named spent his youthful days in the usual manner of farm lads, working in the fields through the summer months and attending the public schools in the winter seasons until he reached the age of fourteen years, when his father died and he took over the management of the home farm, which he continued to cultivate for three years. On the expiration of that period he went to Nebraska and was engaged in farming near St. Paul. He resided in Butler county, Iowa, for ten years and for four years was engaged in the creamery business at Greene, Iowa. In 1890, as previously stated, he came to Estherville and until 1912 was actively engaged in the lumber and coal trade and in the machinery business, in which connections he won a patronage that was extensive and gratifying.

His business methods were such as would bear the closest investigation and scrutiny and his unfaltering energy and determination brought him well-merited success. While still retaining a financial interest in the business he has retired from its active management and is now enjoying a well-earned rest, being most comfortably situated in a pleasant and attractive home at No. 502 South Ninth street.

In 1870 Mr. Root was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Montgomery, who passed away in 1909 and was buried in the Oak Hill cemetery at Estherville. They became the parents of three children: Mabel, who married Grant Hardman, of Greene, Iowa, and died in 1890; Charles A., who for six years filled the position of county auditor and is now a traveling salesman; and Frank O., who is employed in the superintendent's office of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company at Estherville. In 1910 Mr. Root was again married, his second union being with Lizzie Archer, a daughter of O. T. Archer, of Estherville.

Politically, Mr. Root is an earnest republican and at all times keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He has served as councilman and exercised his official prerogatives in support of various measures for the general good. He has also been vice president of the Iowa State Savings Bank. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church and his entire career has commanded for him the confidence and respect of his fellowmen, for it has been guided by high and honorable principles.

M. J. IVERSON.

M. J. Iverson, who is successfully engaged in farming on section 8, Lincoln township, was born in Franklin county, Iowa, on the 24th of July, 1871, a son of Iver and Anna (Erickson) Iverson, natives of Norway, where they were reared and married. Immediately following their marriage they came to the United States in 1868 and established their home in Franklin county, Iowa, the father purchasing forty acres of land on which he began farming. From time to time he has added to his holdings by additional purchase as his financial resources have increased until his landed possessions now embrace five hundred acres, constituting a very valuable and productive tract.

M. J. Iverson pursued his education in the common schools of his native county and in 1893 came to Emmet county, his first investment in land making him owner of one hundred and sixty acres, on which he now resides. Ambitious to attain success, however, he has added to his possession and is now the owner of two hundred and sixty-eight acres in his home farm, in addition to which he has one hundred and sixty acres on section 18, Lincoln township, and two hundred and forty acres in Martin county, Minnesota. He is a progressive agriculturist, studying closely the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for his crops, and

he annually gathers rich harvests. He also raises thoroughbred stock and is one of the progressive and successful agriculturists of Emmet county. In addition to his farming interests he was one of the organizers of the Farmers Savings Bank of Dolliver and in 1915 was elected to the presidency, in which position he still continues.

In 1895 Mr. Iverson was united in marriage to Miss Cora Olson, of Hardin county, Iowa, by whom he has three children: Albert, Josephine and Leona. Politically, Mr. Iverson is a republican and has served as township trustee and township clerk. He has also been a member of the school board for many years and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. The extent and importance of his business affairs and his activity in support of those interests which contribute most to the welfare of the community make him an influential and valued vitizen of Lincoln township.

CONRAD BRAUN.

For several years Conrad Braun was actively identified with the agricultural interests of Dickinson county but although he still owns land within its borders he has now laid aside active labors and is living retired in Milford. He was born in Baden, Germany, December 25, 1842, and is a son of Conrad and Margaret (Struble) Braun, also natives of Baden, where the father followed farming until 1847. That year witnessed his emigration to America and he became a resident of Rock Island county, Illinois, but was not long permitted to enjoy his new home as he passed away in 1848. The mother subsequently married Conrad Lenhart and they lived upon a farm in Rock Island county, Illinois, where Mr. Lenhart died in 1892 and his wife in 1881.

Conrad Braun remained with his mother until he reached manhood, attending the public schools of Rock Island county and assisting in the labors of the farm. In 1862 he joined the boys in blue of Company C, Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years. At the close of the Civil war, when his services were no longer needed, he was honorably discharged and returned to Rock Island county, Illinois, where he remained until 1870. He then removed to Nichols, Iowa, where he engaged in farming upon rented land for two years, but at the end of that time purchased a farm in Muscatine county at fourteen dollars and a half an acre. He improved that place and engaged in its operation until 1902, when he came to Dickinson county and located on land which he had purchased in 1890 for fourteen dollars and a half an acre. In 1902 he bought one hundred and sixty acres in Westport township at forty-five dollars an acre, which he now rents. In 1907 he bought one hundred and sixty acres for sixty dollars an acre but has since sold that quarter section. He is now living retired in Milford, where he owns and occupies a nice residence.

On the 2d of February, 1868, Mr. Braun was married in Jefferson county, Iowa, to Miss Maggie Schmidt, and to them have been born six children, namely: Mary, now the wife of John Trabert, a farmer of Westport township, Dickinson county; Henry, a farmer of Muscatine county; Louisa, the wife of Fred Wrang, a farmer of Westport township, Dickinson county; Emma, the wife of Thomas Hartman, of Mercer county, Illinois; Mollie, the wife of Elmer Meyerdirk of Milford, Iowa; and Annie, the wife of Jacob Frutchy, a farmer of Okoboji township, Dickinson county.

Mr. Braun affiliates with the republican party and during his residence in Muscatine county served as county supervisor in a most creditable and acceptable manner. He is an honored member of Waller Post, G. A. R., and religiously is identified with the Congregational church. Upright and honorable in all the relations of life, he has commanded the confidence and respect of all with whom he has been brought in contact and wherever he has lived has made many warm friends.

TOLLEF O. SANDO.

Tollef O. Sando is now living retired in Wallingford but for many years was closely and prominently connected with agricultural interests in Emmet county and is still the owner of a valuable farm of two hundred and eighty acres, which returns to him a gratifying annual income. He is a native of Wisconsin, his birth having occurred in Rock county, December 22, 1845. His parents, Ole E. and Barbara (Opsata) Sando, were both natives of Norway and in 1845 they came to the new world, taking up their abode upon a Wisconsin farm, which they occupied until 1849, when they came to Iowa, settling in Clayton county upon a farm which remained their home for four years. They then removed to Mitchell county, Iowa, where they resided until 1863, which year witnessed their arrival in Emmet county. They took up their abode upon a farm in Estherville township, the father homesteading this land, for up to that time it had been in possession of the government and was a wild and totally unimproved tract, not a furrow having been turned upon the place. His first buildings were constructed of logs and covered with clapboard roofs and amid such conditions the family lived for several years or until the father could earn a sufficient sum to introduce modern improvements. As soon as possible he built a more commodious and attractive home and in time he added substantial barns and outbuildings, converting his place into one of the best improved farms of the district. He was a very energetic, industrious man and his success was the measure of his enterprise and determination. He died in the year 1882, while his widow, surviving him for more than two decades, passed away in 1903. In their family were six children, of whom three are now living.

Tollef O. Sando has practically been a lifelong resident of Iowa and

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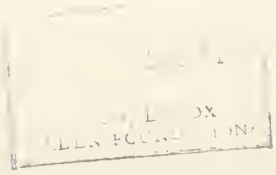

to its public school system is indebted for the educational opportunities which he enjoyed. His early training was that of the home farm and he continued to assist in the development of the fields until he attained his majority, when he took up a homestead in Estherville township. He, too, first built a log cabin upon his place and his was one of the primitive homes of the district. With characteristic energy he began the arduous task of developing his fields and his labors soon wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of his land. Later he sold his original property and bought a farm in Twelve Mile Lake township which he occupied until 1914, converting it into a very valuable place. In that year he retired and removed to Wallingford but still owns his farm of two hundred and eighty acres, constituting a splendidly improved property which adds materially to his income. In addition to his Emmet county property he owns an interest in eighty acres of land in Minnesota. His life has been well spent and his prosperity is the deserved and merited reward of his persistent, earnest and honorable labor.

In 1871 Mr. Sando was married to Miss Berget Sando, a native of Norway, and they have become the parents of nine children: Barbara, the wife of G. Gilbert; Randina and Beatta, at home; Herman, now a resident of Jackson, Minnesota; Erick, living in Estherville, Emmet county; Helen and Otto, who have passed away; Emma, the wife of Antony Story; and Ferdinand, deceased.

The parents are consistent and faithful members of the Lutheran church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful part. They are highly respected in the community where they reside, having many warm friends who greatly esteem them for their personal worth. Mr. Sando has justly won the proud American title of self-made man. Through his own efforts he has acquired a handsome fortune and is now reaping the benefit of his former toil, his success making it possible for him to enjoy all the comforts and some of the luxuries of life without further recourse to labor.

BERT L. CLARK.

Bert L. Clark, engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Dolliver, was born in Rock Falls, Wisconsin, April 29, 1882, and is a son of B. P. and Ella (Wallace) Clark, the former also a native of Wisconsin and the latter of Pennsylvania. The parents were married in Wisconsin where they continued to reside until 1889 and then came to Emmet county, Iowa, locating on a farm in Iowa Lake township which the father still owns. The mother passed away October 26, 1916, leaving two children, namely: Grace, now the wife of W. A. Richmond; and Bert L., of this review.

The latter was seven years of age on the removal of the family to Emmet county, where he passed the days of his boyhood and youth

in much the usual manner of farmer boys. He attended the common schools and was graduated from the high school of Estherville in 1901. He also pursued a commercial course in a business college at Cedar Rapids and for one year was connected with the Iowa Savings Bank at Estherville, Iowa. In 1906 he was made cashier of the Citizens Bank of Dolliver and after its reorganization as the Farmers Savings Bank in 1912 continued in that position until January 1, 1917. He is now engaged in the real estate and insurance business. He owns a nice residence in the village and also one hundred and twenty acres of land and a half interest in an eighty-acre tract in Emmet county.

Mr. Clark was married in 1911 to Miss Hazel Follett, a native of Emmet county and a daughter of E. A. and Katherine (Gardner) Follett. Her father was born in New York state and her mother in Vermont, but for many years they have made their home in Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Clark have been born three children: Faye C., who died March 15, 1916; Loraine E.; and Mavis C. Mr. Clark affiliates with the republican party and is now serving on the town board. Fraternally, he is identified with Armstrong Lodge, No. 533, A. F. & A. M. He is one of the representative business men of the town and wherever known he is held in the highest esteem.

JOHN B. BLOM.

John B. Blom, living on section 3, Center township, was born in Holland, June 26, 1860, a son of Barnard and Mary (Myers) Blom, who were also natives of the same country. In 1871 they severed home ties there and came with their family to America, establishing their home at Ackley, Hardin county, Iowa, where their remaining days were passed. They had a family of twelve children, seven of whom are yet living.

John B. Blom was a youth of eleven years at the time of the emigration to the new world and upon the home farm in Hardin county he was reared, while his education was acquired in the district schools of the neighborhood. He was early trained to the work of the farm and soon became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. After attaining his majority he began railroad work with the bridge and wrecking gang of the Iowa Central Railroad, with which he was connected for five years. At the end of that time he married and began farming on his own account on rented land in Grundy county, Iowa, where he remained for seven years. In 1892 he removed to Emmet county and purchased his present farm on section 3, Center township, becoming owner of one hundred and sixty acres, which he has since improved with substantial buildings. His farm is today one of the attractive features of the landscape. In addition to the work of tilling the soil he has made a specialty of raising and feeding stock of all kinds and this branch of his business is proving very profitable, for he is an ex-

cellent judge of stock and therefore makes his investments wisely, leading to profitable sales.

Mr. Blom was united in marriage to Miss Tillie Juergens, a native of Germany. They have become parents of eight children: Jerry, living in Emmet county; Bennard, now of Minnesota; Aldrick, Joe, Chris and Thomas, all in Emmet county; Mary, the wife of Charles Fank; and one who died in infancy.

The parents are consistent and loyal members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Blom is a stalwart supporter of the republican party, believing that is platform contains the best elements of good government. He is now serving as road superintendent and he has also served on the school board. He is interested in all those forces which work for the progress and upbuilding of the community and at no time is he remiss in the duties of citizenship. He works for the benefit and upbuilding of the district as well as for the advancement of his own fortunes and in his business career he may well be termed a self-made man, for he owes his prosperity entirely to his close application and indefatigable energy.

MORRIS P. BACHMAN, M. D.

Dr. Morris P. Bachman, a prominent physician and surgeon of Lake Park, Iowa, was born on the 18th of April, 1867, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and is a son of William H. and Anna D. (Kriebel) Bachman, also natives of the Keystone state, where they were reared and married. In the latter part of 1867 or the fore part of 1868 they came to Iowa and located on a farm in Black Hawk county, but after residing there for two years removed to Waterloo, where the father was engaged in the farm implement business for a time but subsequently turned his attention to the music business, with which he was identified for many years. About 1911 he retired from active business and in 1914 returned to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he now resides. His wife died in Waterloo, Iowa, in 1912.

Dr. Bachman was educated in the schools of Waterloo and after leaving the high school he was appointed a cadet in the Annapolis Naval Academy in 1887 but at the end of two years resigned and returned to civil life. Shortly after his return to Waterloo he entered the railroad service as an office man and was identified with that line of work for about ten years, six years of that time being employed as ticket agent in the Southern Pacific office at Portland, Oregon. While serving in that capacity he began the study of medicine in 1895 under the perceptorship of Dr. Harry McKay, of Portland, and the following year returned to Iowa, entering the medical department of the Iowa University, from which he was graduated in the class of 1900. After receiving his M. D. degree he was for two years located near Oskaloosa as assistant surgeon at the coal mines, and in 1902 located at Mitchell, Iowa, where he spent

four years. In 1906 he became a resident of Lake Park, where in the intervening ten years he has built up a lucrative practice and has won a foremost place for himself among the medical practitioners of northern Iowa.

In 1904 Dr. Bachman was united in marriage to Miss Lucy O'Donnell, of Epworth, Iowa, and to this union has been born a son, Donnell William. Dr. Bachman is a member of the American Yeomen and of Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 1, K. of P., of Portland, Oregon. He is a veteran member of the latter organization, having received the jewel on the 12th of October, 1915. In the line of his profession he belongs to the Dickinson County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He stands high in the esteem of his professional brethren, who recognize his ability, and he today ranks among the prominent physicians and surgeons in this part of the state.

JOSEPH SOPHUS PETERSON.

Joseph Sophus Peterson, now acceptably serving as cashier of the Ringsted State Bank, is a native of Iowa, born near Neola in Pottawattamie county, March 4, 1882, and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Peterson, who came to this country from Denmark in 1881. They first located near Neola but in 1883 removed to Council Bluffs, where they resided for three years, and in 1886 became residents of Emmet county. Three years later they went to Palo Alto county and made their home near Emmetsburg for twelve years but in 1901 returned to Emmet county and have since lived near Ringsted.

During his boyhood and youth Joseph S. Peterson accompanied his parents on their various removals and his early education was largely acquired in the country schools of Palo Alto county, his first teacher being Mrs. L. P. Stillman, then Miss Nina Wells. Later he attended Humboldt College at Humboldt, Iowa, for two years and a half. He began his business career as a bookkeeper in the Ringsted State Bank in August, 1904, and two years later was elected assistant cashier of that institution. In 1909 he resigned in order to become identified with the Bank of Hedges, at Hedges, Montana, of which he was cashier until December, 1910, when he resigned and returned to Ringsted to accept the cashiership of the Ringsted State Bank. In January, 1915, he bought an interest in the bank and was elected a director. He is a man of good business and executive ability, who makes a thorough study of financial affairs and much of the success of the bank is due to his untiring efforts and sound judgment. He is the owner of a nice home in the village and is also interested in two farms near Ringsted.

On the 19th of August, 1909, Mr. Peterson was united in marriage to Miss Marthilda Petersen, of Randall, Iowa, who was born in Denmark and came to the United States to live with her brother. Her parents are

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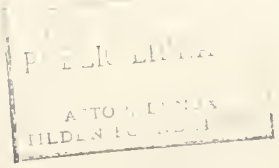

deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have three children: Inas Marie, born October 6, 1911; James Marlow, born October 20, 1913; and George Harold, born November 6, 1915.

Fraternally Mr. Peterson is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Homesteaders and the Masonic order, while religiously both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. In politics he is a democrat and he takes a commendable interest in public affairs, never withholding his support from any enterprise calculated to promote the general welfare.

CHRISTOPHER ANDERSON.

Actively identified with the farming interests of High Lake township is Christopher Anderson, now the owner of eighty acres on section 24, constituting one of the valuable and well-improved farm properties of the district. He was born in Green county, Wisconsin, November 20, 1851, a son of Andrew and Ingeborg Anderson, who were natives of Norway. Coming to America in 1848, they established their home in Wisconsin, where the father carried on general farming until 1865. That year witnessed his arrival in Emmet county, Iowa, which was at that time a pioneer district in which the work of improvement and development seemed scarcely begun. Much of the land was still in possession of the government and he homesteaded the northeast quarter of section 24. Upon that tract not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made. He built a log cabin with a sod roof and in true pioneer style began life in his primitive western home, but his labors soon wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of his place and success attended his efforts. To him and his wife were born eight children, four of whom are yet living.

Through the period of his boyhood and youth Christopher Anderson aided in the development of the home farm, continuing thereon until he attained his majority, at which time he bought eighty acres, constituting the west half of the old homestead. He has since given his attention to its further development and improvement and he annually gathers good harvests as the result of his practical methods in operating his land.

Mr. Anderson was married in 1874 to Miss Andria Johnson, a daughter of Lars and Martha Johnson, who were natives of Norway. They afterward became farming people of Wisconsin, in which state they took up their abode in 1844, and subsequently they removed to Emmet county, where they spent their remaining days. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have a daughter, Mabel, now the wife of Herbert Bryan, who is the owner of a farm of eighty acres on section 13, High Lake township, and they have become the parents of three children, Ralph A., Ardythe L. and Wayne H.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church. He votes with the republican party but has never been an office

seeker, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business affairs, which are wisely and carefully directed, so that he is acknowledged to be one of the enterprising farmers of his district.

HANS J. RASMUSSEN.

Hans J. Rasmussen, proprietor of a general store and one of the leading citizens of Ringsted, was born on the 15th of May, 1883, in Denmark, of which country his parents, John and Mary (Hansen) Rasmussen, were also natives. Deciding to try their fortunes on this side of the Atlantic the family came to America in 1888 and first located in Manistee, Michigan, where they resided for two years. From there they removed to Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, and made their home there until the spring of 1902, when they came to Emmet county. The father purchased land in Denmark township adjoining the town of Ringsted, and engaged in its operation for six years, since which time he has lived retired, making his home in Ringsted at the age of eighty-three years. The mother is now seventy-eight years old and they are numbered among the most highly esteemed citizens of the place.

Being a little lad of seven years on the removal of the family to Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, Hans J. Rasmussen was practically educated in the schools of that locality. He remained with his parents until reaching manhood and assisted his father with the operation of the home farm. Later he engaged in farming and threshing on his own account for a few years, but in 1911 he opened a general store in Ringsted and has since given his attention wholly to mercantile pursuits. He carries a well-selected stock and enjoys a liberal share of the public patronage. In September, 1913, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Jensen. They hold membership in the Lutheran church and by his ballot Mr. Rasmussen supports the men and measures of the republican party. He is now serving as a member of the town council and takes an active and commendable interest in public affairs.

GEORGE W. MURRAY.

George W. Murray, of Estherville township, has the enviable distinction of being the owner of what is generally conceded to be the finest farm in Emmet county, Iowa. His land is in a high state of cultivation and the improvements leave nothing to be desired. He is specializing in the breeding of full blooded stock and is recognized as a leader in that field. He was born in Sheridan, Ohio, on the 12th of March, 1861, and his parents, John and Marie (Underwood) Murray, were natives respectively of Pennsylvania and of Ohio. The mother died in 1873 and the

father in 1880 and both are buried in Sheridan, Ohio. To them were born two children: George W. and Kate, the wife of G. H. Wheelock.

After the death of his mother George W. Murray made his home with George and Sarah (Underwood) Wells, an uncle and aunt, living in Grundy county, Iowa, remaining with them until 1881. For twelve years he lived in first one place and then another but in 1893 formed a partnership with his uncle, Mr. Wells, settling on a farm owned by the latter in Kossuth county. Mr. Wells was one of the earliest settlers of Grundy county. He acquired large tracts of land in Grundy and Kossuth counties and also at one time held title to thirty-eight hundred acres of land in Emmet county, although he never resided here. Mr. Murray remained upon the farm in Kossuth county until 1905 and subsequently operated another tract in that county for three years but in 1908 came to Emmet county and purchased the south half of section 12, Estherville township, where he has since resided. He spares no time nor expense in bringing his farm to the highest possible state of development and all the improvements are thoroughly modern, the barns being of concrete and of the most approved design, while the residence is one of the finest farm houses in Emmet county. He raises grain but pays particular attention to breeding full blooded Percheron horses and registered Duroc hogs.

Mr. Murray was married in 1892 to Miss Frances Gaines, a daughter of P. W. and Margaret (Tolen) Gaines, of St. Paul, Minnesota. They previously resided in Winona, that state, and there they are buried. Mr. and Mrs. Murray have two children: John Gaines, at home; and Kathryn Margaret, a student in the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Mr. Murray believes in the basic principles of the republican party but where no national issue is at stake votes independently. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and is well known in local Masonic circles, belonging to the commandery, shrine and consistory. His wife and children are communicants of the Catholic church. The success which he has achieved through his own efforts is proof of his ability and enterprise and the high esteem in which he is universally held testifies to his worth as a man.

ROBERT IRVIN CRATTY.

One of the most prominent and influential citizens of Armstrong Grove township, Emmet county, is Robert Irvin Cratty, the proprietor of The Maples, located on section 11. He was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, February 5, 1853, and is a son of William C. and Martha (Hirsch) Cratty, who were also natives of the old Keystone state. The father followed farming in Pennsylvania until 1863, when he removed with his family to Illinois and continued to engage in the same occupation in that state until his death in 1875. The mother had passed away in 1865.

Robert Irvin Cratty began his education in the schools of Pennsylvania and later pursued his studies in the schools of Illinois. On leaving the latter state in 1877 he came to Iowa, where he engaged in teaching school for twenty-one years. He was principal of the schools of Estherville from 1879 to 1882. Prior to this, in 1878, he purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 11, Armstrong Grove township, and began its improvement. He now has a very valuable tract on which are good and substantial buildings and the land is under excellent cultivation.

Mr. Cratty was married April 19, 1878, to Miss Lovina E. Canon, who died on the 22nd of December, 1896, leaving four children, namely: Mabel E.; Edna R.; Alta M.; and Ralph W. On March 4, 1910, Mr. Cratty was united in marriage to Mrs. Mollie E. Webster, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. They are active and consistent members of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Cratty holds the office of Elder. In politics he is a republican and at present is serving as township clerk, which position he has filled for many years. He has also been township trustee and, in fact, has held either one or the other of the two offices for twenty years. He was also treasurer of the school board for twenty years and is a stockholder of the First National Bank of Armstrong. Botany has become his hobby and he has made a large collection of Iowa and Minnesota plants, having a herbarium of six thousand species. He has also written much on the flora of Iowa and has devoted much of his leisure time to that study. He is one of the leading citizens of his community and is a man who commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he is brought in contact in both business and social life.

DANIEL M. CLUMP.

Daniel M. Clump, who follows farming on section 22, Superior township, Dickinson county, and also devotes considerable attention to stock raising, was born in Lake county, Illinois, on June 15, 1860, his parents being Frederick J. and Elmira (Mitchell) Clump, the father a native of Buffalo, New York, and the mother of Stephenson county, Illinois. They were married in Freeport, Illinois, and continued to reside in that state until 1884, when they came to Dickinson county, Iowa, and located on a farm on section 34, Richland township. They lived there until 1901, when Mr. Clump retired and located on a small farm of fifty-six acres within the town limits of Superior, where he has since resided.

Daniel M. Clump passed the days of his minority in Illinois and is indebted to its public schools for the education he acquired during that time. It was in 1881 that he came to Iowa and took charge of his fathers' farm on section 34, Richland township, Dickinson county. At that time the land was all wild prairie and he erected the buildings and set out trees thereon. He has practically witnessed the entire development of this

MR. AND MRS. DANIEL M. CLUMP

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region and is thoroughly familiar with pioneer conditions. The trip from Illinois to Iowa was a hard one as the country was then snowbound, and he arrived in Spencer on the first freight train that had reached that place for three months. It had required a whole week to make the journey. On reaching Spencer he was only able to buy one loaf of bread and as his trunk did not arrive on the same train he made the trip to Spirit Lake in a pair of wooden shoes. An uncle had previously come to Dickinson county and he had built a shack upon the father's farm which he stocked with provisions, but on the arrival of our subject he found that the neighbors had grown hungry and had taken all the meat left there. For some time he was obliged to live on graham mush and graham bread. So severe had been the winter that on the fourteenth day of April, 1881, he was able to cross Okoboji Lake on the ice with a load of oats. Mr. Clump continued to reside upon the old home farm until 1893 when he removed to Des Moines, where he was identified with the real estate business for four years.

While at that place he was married on November 25, 1895, to Miss Josephine Apple of Racine county, Wisconsin. In 1897 they removed to Estherville, Emmet county, and for the following two years Mr. Clump conducted a meat market at that place. At the end of that time he moved his market to Jackson county, Iowa, where he and his father purchased a section of timber land and for several years he cut cord wood and also engaged in the cattle business. In 1903 he returned to Estherville, where the following two years were passed, and since that time he has remained upon his present farm of two hundred and forty-three acres in Superior township, Dickinson county. As an agriculturist he has met with excellent success and for several years past hase devoted considerable attention to the feeding of cattle for market, which branch of his business he has also found profitable.

Mr. and Mrs. Clump have two daughters of their own and also an adopted son, namely: Irene A., Ruth I. and Arthur Dale. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in both Emmet and Dickinson counties. In politics Mr. Clump is independent, preferring to support men and measures that he believes best calculated to promote the general interests of the community. He is one of the representative citizens of Dickinson county and his course in life has ever won for him the respect and esteem of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

J. M. HARRIS.

J. M. Harris, one of the leading citizens and prosperous farmers of Dickinson county, owns and operates a valuable tract of land on section 10, Lloyd township. He is one of Iowa's native sons, his birth occurring in Tama county on the 22nd of August, 1869. His parents

are William and Elizabeth (Whiteside) Harris, natives of Perthshire, Scotland and County Sligo, Ireland, respectively. Both were reared on the other side of the Atlantic but in early life came to the United States and located in Clinton county, Iowa, where they were married. In the spring of 1869 they removed to Tama county, where they made their home for forty-two years, but for the past six years they have made their home with our subject in Dickinson county.

J. M. Harris began his education in the public schools of this state and later pursued a course in the business department of Highland Park College at Des Moines. When about twenty years of age he took charge of the home farm and for some time engaged in its operation. In 1900 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of his present farm in Lloyd township, Dickinson county, and a year and a half later bought an adjoining quarter section, so that his farm now consists of three hundred and twenty acres of some of the finest land in Dickinson county. He has erected thereon good, substantial buildings and has made his place one of the most valuable tracts in the locality. Besides this farm he is the owner of one entire section of land in Ransom county, North Dakota, which is one of the richest agricultural sections of that state. He is a very progressive and up-to-date man and keeps everything about his place in good condition so that he derives the best possible results from his labors. For ten years he rented his Dickinson county land to tenants, but since 1911 has had charge of the place himself. He is paying special attention to the raising of Aberdeen Angus cattle and finds that branch of the business very profitable.

Mr. Harris is an earnest and consistent member of the Presbyterian church and is an ardent republican in politics, but has never had time or inclination for public office, preferring to devote his undivided attention to his extensive business interests. He is one of the best known farmers in his community and is a business man of recognized ability whose success has come to him through his well directed efforts.

PETER W. PETERSEN.

For several years Peter W. Petersen has been prominently identified with the business interests of Ringsted where he is now conducting one of the best garages in the state. He handles the Oakland, Studebaker and Maxwell cars and also deals in farm implements. A native of Iowa he was born in Clinton, December 11, 1878, and is a son of Martin and Anna (Petersen) Petersen, who were born in Denmark but came to America in early life and located in Manistee, Michigan. There the father engaged in the furniture business for a short time and later was similarly employed in Chicago, Illinois. From the latter place he removed to Clinton, Iowa, where he worked in a saw mill for eight years and then came to Emmet county, buying land on section 1, Denmark

township, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted his energies for many years. He then retired from active labor and removed to Ringsted, where he passed away in September, 1911. His wife survived him about two years, dying in August, 1913.

Reared upon his father's farm in Emmet county, Peter W. Petersen acquired his early education in the country schools but later attended college at Elkhorn, Iowa. He remained with his parents until twenty-one years of age and gave his father the benefit of his services in the operation of the home farm. In 1900 he embarked in the hardware and implement business in Ringsted, and continued along that line until November, 1916, when he sold out and purchased a well equipped garage. As previously stated he now handles the Oakland, Studebaker and Maxwell cars and is doing an excellent business as a dealer in automobiles. He also handles all kinds of farm implements and has built up a trade of extensive proportions.

On the 19th of October, 1905, Mr. Petersen married Miss Mary C. Linnett, by whom he has two children, Stella, born October 3, 1906, and Alice, born January 11, 1908. Mr. Petersen affiliates with the republican party and has been called upon to serve on the town council for nine years, while at the present time he is a school director. He belongs to the Lutheran church and is also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Danish Brotherhood. He is one of the representative business men of Emmet county, is wide-awake, energetic and progressive, and usually carries forward to successful conclusion whatever he undertakes.

HENRY CRONK.

A fine farm of one hundred acres of excellent land in Armstrong Grove township, Emmet county, is evidence of the industry and thrift of Henry Cronk, who died February 7, 1917. He was a progressive and successful farmer and stock raiser. He was born in Canada in September, 1840, a son of David and Nancy (Clark) Cronk, also natives of that country. The father engaged in farming there until his death in 1866 and nine years later the mother also passed away.

Henry Cronk remained at home until he became of age and obtained his education in the public schools of the Dominion. After beginning his independent career he farmed there for a time and also engaged in threshing during the summer seasons but in 1866 he came to Emmet county, Iowa, and bought a relinquishment on a claim of three hundred acres on section 13, Armstrong Grove township. He at one time owned three hundred and twenty acres but disposed of all save one hundred acres, which he continued to operate until his death. He raised grain but paid particular attention to the breeding of fine stock. He was the first man to bring a thoroughbred animal into Emmet county and for

some time engaged extensively in raising shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs. Success attended his well directed labors and a substantial competence was his.

Mr. Cronk was married in February, 1867, to Miss Bessie Horswell, an account of whose parents appears in the sketch of Richard Horswell elsewhere in this work. To Mr. and Mrs. Cronk were born twelve children, namely: Byron, Amy, Charley, George, Richard, Olive, Earl, Bessie, Irwin and Jennie, all of whom survive; and Addie and Ross, both of whom died in infancy.

Mr. Cronk was a stanch republican in politics but never was an aspirant for official honors. He belonged to the Free Methodist church and in all his dealings conformed his conduct to high ethical standards.

LESLIE E. FRANCIS.

A prominent member of the bar in northwestern Iowa is Leslie E. Francis, of Spirit Lake, who was born upon a farm near that place April 4, 1871, his parents being John and Eliza Francis, the former a native of England, while the latter was born in New England. Removing to the west, John Francis secured as a homestead claim the farm upon which occurred the birth of his son Leslie, obtaining that property in 1860. The following year he enlisted for service in the Civil war and remained with the army until 1865. Because of the Indian massacre which occurred on the 29th of August, 1862, near Spirit Lake, the mother left the Iowa farm, her husband being absent at the front, in order that she and her family might escape trouble and perhaps death.

Leslie E. Francis was a pupil in the country schools of his native county and afterward attended the high school at Spirit Lake, subsequent to which time he entered the law department of the State University of Iowa. He was reared as a farm boy with the usual experience of the lad who finds it necessary to begin work in the fields at an early day. Later he was employed as a day laborer in Spirit Lake, wheeling brick and mortar for a year while the courthouse was in process of construction. In this way he earned the money that enabled him to purchase his law course and on the 16th of June, 1893, was admitted to the bar. He has practiced continuously in Spirit Lake since that time and has won a more than local reputation as a lawyer of marked ability. He tries cases in many parts of Iowa and has also been called into Minnesota and North and South Dakota. As the years have gone on he has invested heavily in lands, owning and selling at least thirty thousand acres in Canada, twenty-six thousand in Colorado, twenty-five thousand in Florida and probably ten thousand acres in Iowa and he now owns about thirty thousand acres in various states. He seems to possess almost intuitive judgment concerning the value of property and his investments have been made most judiciously, bringing to him well-deserved success.

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On the 23d of June, 1896, at Spirit Lake, Iowa, Mr. Francis was married to Miss May E. Owen, a daughter of H. C. Owen, who was an old settler and soldier of this part of the state. To this marriage have been born two children, Miriam and Merwyn, aged respectively eighteen and sixteen years.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Presbyterian church and along fraternal lines Mr. Francis is well known as a Mason. He has ever been deeply and actively interested in vital political questions and from his boyhood has been frequently heard as a speaker in behalf of the republican party, of which he has always been a stalwart champion. On the 1st of January, 1894, he became deputy county attorney and so served until January 1, 1895, when he was made county attorney, occupying that position for three terms of two years each. He retired from the office on the 1st of January, 1901, as he had entered it—with the confidence and goodwill of all concerned. On the 1st of January, 1909, he became a member of the state senate, representing the forty-seventh senatorial district, and by reelection was continued in the office until January 1, 1917. He has given most earnest consideration to all vital problems coming up for settlement and his opinions, based upon sound reasoning and a thorough knowledge of conditions, have made him largely a leader of public thought and action in his district and to a considerable extent in the state. He has ever been a student of the signs of the times and has kept abreast with the best thinking men of the age. He is a diligent student not alone of the law but of all literature, having a law library of about five thousand volumes and a private library, covering general literary, historical and scientific subjects, of nearly the same number of volumes.

HERMAN ORANSKY.

Herman Oransky, a dry goods merchant of Estherville, belongs to that class of progressive, energetic and farsighted business men who in promoting individual success contribute also to the public welfare, for the advancement of a city or district does not depend so largely upon the machinery of government, or even upon the men who fill the public offices, as it does upon those who are active in controlling its trade relations. Mr. Oransky was born in Poland in 1876, a son of the Rev. J. H. and Charnow Oransky, who were natives of that country, the father being a minister of the Jewish faith. In their family were ten children, all of whom were brought to America by the parents, the family home being established in Des Moines. All are yet living. One of the sons, Louis Oransky, came to Estherville in 1890 and established a dry goods business in the corner room of the Masonic building. A few years later he removed to the Opera House block.

Herman Oransky received special training for a commercial career through a course of study in the Capital City Commercial College of

Des Moines, of which he is a graduate. He also completed three years' study in the East high school of Des Moines and his initial practical experience along business lines was obtained in a clothing store of the capital city. Coming to Estherville, he entered the employ of his brother and in 1900 succeeded to the business, the store being then conducted in the Groves building, which had been erected by his brother. He remained at that location for eight years and then sold out, building with his brother a modern business block, into which he removed his stock of dry goods, ladies' ready-to-wear and millinery. He occupies the entire building, which is situated on Sixth street, and he is today at the head of the oldest dry goods establishment of Estherville. He has always concentrated his efforts along this line and his progressiveness, diligence and determination have constituted the salient features in his growing prosperity.

In 1906 Mr. Oransky was married to Miss Lillian May Freedman, a daughter of S. S. and Carrie (Frank) Freedman, of Corsicana, Texas. The father has passed away and his remains were interred at Corsicana, where the mother still makes her home. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Oransky are two children: Merrill Bernard, born in 1907; and Cornelia, born in 1908.

Politically, Mr. Oransky is a republican and keeps well informed on the salient issues before the people. He is well known in fraternal circles, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Masonry, while with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine he has crossed the sands of the desert. He also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America. He became a charter member of the Commercial Club of Estherville, of which he has been one of the directors and the president, and in this connection he has put forth every possible effort to advance the interests of the city, extend its trade relations and uphold its civic standards. His has been a well-spent, active and useful life, fruitful of good results, and Estherville numbers him among its valued and representative citizens.

FRED STERNBORG.

A representative of general farming interests in Ellsworth township, Emmet county, is Fred Sternborg, who is living on section 9, where he has an excellent tract of land of two hundred and thirty acres. A native of Germany, he was born November 19, 1863, of the marriage of Albert and Christina Sternborg, who were also natives of that country, where the father followed the occupation of farming in order to provide for his family, which numbered seven children. When the son Fred was seventeen years of age the family came to the United States, the father settling in Grundy county, Iowa, where for seven years he engaged in the cultivation of rented land. There he passed away and his remains

were interred in the cemetery at Grundy Center. He had lost his wife ere he brought his children to the new world.

Fred Sternborg pursued his education in the schools of Germany and, as previously stated, accompanied his father to the United States, after which he worked on the home farm until he had attained his majority. Anxious to engage in business for himself, he then rented land in Grundy county, where he continued to engage in farming for nine years. In 1901 he removed to Emmet county, settling upon the place where he now resides. The money which he had saved from his earnings was invested in his present farm, comprising a fraction more than two hundred and thirty acres of rich and productive land, situated on section 9, Ellsworth township. Hard work has been his rule of life and his unfaltering industry and perseverance have constituted the basis of his success, for he started out in the business world empty handed.

In 1887 Mr. Sternborg was united in marriage to Miss Eka Sternborg, who is his cousin. They have become the parents of seven children: Richard, who is married and resides upon his father's farm in Ellsworth township; and Albert, Fred, Katherine, Edna, Pearl and Ellen, all at home.

Mr. Sternborg belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp at Huntington and he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. For thirty-seven years he has been a resident of northwestern Iowa and for sixteen years has lived in Emmet county, where he has become known as a representative citizen and thoroughly reliable business man.

CHRISTOPHER LARSON.

Christopher Larson, engaged in general merchandising at Wallingford, has also been prominent in connection with the public life of the different communities in which he has lived and in a word is a enterprising and progressive citizen of Emmet county. He was born in High Lake township, August 23, 1870, and is a son of Peter and Anna (Aaby) Larson, who were natives of Norway. On coming to America they made their way westward to Iowa and cast in their lot with the pioneer settlers of Emmet county, taking an active and helpful part in promoting its progress and improvement. They had a family of eleven children: Halvor, who is now married and resides in Wallingford; Anna, who is the widow of I. B. Peterson, of Williams, Minnesota; Tom, a widower living at Whittemore, Iowa; Belle, the widow of A. B. Peterson and a resident of Lake Mills, Iowa; Christopher; Bertha, the wife of Ole Lee, a resident of Oakley, Minnesota; Oliver, who is engaged in farming in Twelve Mile Lake township; Andrew, who follows farming at Coteau, North Dakota; Thea, the wife of L. Nelson, of Coteau, North Dakota; Lena, the wife of L. Carter, a farmer of West Bend, Iowa; and Emma, the wife of O. T. Akre, of Mankato, Minnesota.

Christopher Larson attended the common schools and worked with

his father upon the home farm until he reached the age of sixteen years. He was afterward variously employed for about six years and when a young man of twenty-two established the second store in Wallingford, securing a stock of general merchandise. He successfully conducted that business for fifteen years and then sold out, after which he removed to Turtle Lake, Wisconsin, where he owned a general store for four years. He next went to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he was connected with general merchandising for two years, and on the 1st of May, 1915, he returned to Wallingford, where he purchased the hotel building, the postoffice and three residences. In 1916 he erected a new general store building and now handles a complete line of groceries, shoes, dry goods and men's furnishings. He has won a liberal patronage and his success is the merited reward of earnest, persistent labor intelligently directed.

In community affairs Mr. Larson has also taken a deep and helpful interest and for five years he filled the office of postmaster under President Cleveland. He was justice of the peace for eight years, during which time his rulings were strictly fair and impartial. For seven years he served as president of the school board and while at Turtle Lake, Wisconsin, was police justice and justice of the peace and also a member of the town council and the board of health. He has never lightly regarded the obligations of citizenship but has faithfully performed every task devolving upon him in that connection. He became a member of Turtle Lake Lodge, No. 328, I. O. O. F., assisted in organizing the Modern Woodmen camp at Wallingford, of which he served as clerk for eleven years, and also became connected with the Royal Neighbors. He holds membership with the Norwegian Lutheran church and he has always voted with the democratic party. It is well known that he is a man true to his honest convictions and nothing can swerve him from a course which he believes to be right.

THOMAS SUNDE.

Among the successful and progressive farmers of Ellsworth township is Thomas Sunde, a native of Norway. His birth occurred on the 6th of December, 1859, and he is a son of Lars and Engeborg Sunde, who passed their entire lives in the land of the midnight sun. They had a family of eight children, but only two are now living.

Thomas Sunde obtained his education in the schools of Norway and remained in that country until 1884, when he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, having heard much concerning the opportunities here offered the young man of industry and enterprise. For some time he was employed as a farm hand in Grundy county, Illinois, but since 1887 has resided in Emmet county, Iowa. He owns three hundred and twenty acres of rich and well improved land on section 15, Ellsworth township,

THOMAS SUNDE AND FAMILY

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and his annual income is such as to insure him the comforts of life. He raises stock on an extensive scale and is thoroughly familiar with all phases of that business.

Mr. Sunde was married in 1906 to Mrs. Gertrude (Mathison) Olson, who as a child accompanied her parents, Knut and Sarah Mathison, from Norway to America. Both her father and mother are still living in Grundy county, Illinois. By her first marriage Mrs. Sunde has three children: Torkel, residing in Ellsworth township; Amos T., of Estherville; and Sadie C., at home. To Mr. and Mrs. Sunde have been born two children, Elvin L. and Hazel I.

Mr. Sunde is a republican and has served acceptably as trustee of his township. He is also a trustee of the Lutheran church, to which his wife likewise belongs, and all forces seeking the moral advancement of their community receive their hearty support. The determination, sound judgment and energy which have enabled him to win success have also gained him the respect of those who know him, and added to these admirable qualities are unswerving honesty and a scrupulous regard for the rights of others.

JOHN F. DAVIS.

John F. Davis, the period of whose residence in Dickinson county covers a third of a century and who was long and successfully identified with agricultural pursuits in Okoboji township, has lived retired in Milford since 1912 but still owns two hundred and forty acres of valuable farming land. His birth occurred in Ohio on the 13th of February, 1849, his parents being James and Jane (Fullerton) Davis, who were natives of Ireland and of Scotch-Irish descent. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, emigrated to the United States and took up his abode in Ohio in 1847, there purchasing land which he improved and cultivated during the remainder of his life. He passed away on the 2d of July, 1901, at the age of eighty-four years and five months, while the demise of his wife occurred April 7, 1910, at the age of eighty-three years and ten months.

John F. Davis was reared and educated in the state of his nativity and remained under the parental roof until he had attained the age of twenty-three years. He taught school in Ohio for a time and in 1873 made his way to Jones county, Iowa, where he worked by the month as a farm hand for seven years, during three winter seasons of which period he followed the profession of teaching. Subsequently he spent two years in farming with his brother and in the spring of 1884 came to Dickinson county, taking up his abode on a tract of land in Okoboji township which he had purchased in 1882. He at once began the further cultivation and improvement of the property and there successfully carried on agricultural pursuits until 1912, when he put aside the active work of

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the fields and removed to Milford, where he has since lived in the enjoyment of well-earned ease. He still owns two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land and is rated with the wealthy residents of Dickinson county.

On the 29th of November, 1911, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Georginea Boxwell, a daughter of Robert and Prudence (Jolly) Boxwell, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Indiana respectively. The father, a farmer by occupation, settled in Linn county, Iowa, in 1846, taking up government land in Linn township for which he paid a dollar and a quarter per acre. He improved the property and continued its cultivation during the remainder of his life, passing away on the 4th of September, 1916, at the age of eighty-four years, six months and twenty-two days, for his natal year was 1832. His widow, who was born in 1838, still survives. Mrs. Davis taught school from 1891 to 1910, the last six years being spent as mission teacher among the Mexicans in San Pablo, Colorado.

Mr. Davis is a stanch republican in politics and ably served as trustee of Okoboji township for a period of twelve years. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church. His record is indeed worthy of emulation and praise, for his success has been won through untiring industry and careful management and he has gained a place among the respected and leading citizens of his community.

EDWIN H. BAILEY.

Since 1913 Edwin H. Bailey has conducted a hardware store in Terril and is today regarded as one of the leading business men of that place. He was born in Clay county, Iowa, October 1, 1873, and is a son of William and Alma A. (Wells) Bailey, both natives of Vermont. From the Green Mountain state they came to Iowa at an early day and here the mother died, but the father is still living and three of their five children also survive.

Edwin H. Bailey attended the common and high schools of his native county and later pursued his studies in the State Normal School at Cedar Falls, Iowa. He also took a business course in a commercial college at Cedar Rapids. At the age of eighteen years he started out in life for himself and has since been dependent entirely upon his own resources for a livelihood. For several years he successfully engaged in teaching school and later was with the Farmers Insurance Company of Cedar Rapids for one year. For fifteen years he was a resident of Spencer, engaged in the lumber business, but in 1913 he came to Dickinson county and has since engaged in the hardware business at Terril with marked success.

Mr. Bailey was married in 1898 to Miss Temperance M. Hagerty, a

native of Wisconsin and a daughter of William and Adaline (Williams) Hagerty, who are still living in Clay county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have three children: Mabel E. and Wellard L., who are now attending high school in Terril; and Alma A.

The family attend the Christian church, of which Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are members. He is also identified with Terril Lodge, No. 612, A. F. & A. M.; the Odd Fellows lodge, No. 247, of Spencer, Iowa, in which he has filled all the chairs; and the Camp and the Rebekahs, of Spencer. In politics he affiliates with the republican party and is now serving in the town council. He is one of the leading citizens of Terril, being a prominent representative of its business interests and an influential factor in public affairs.

NAU BROTHERS.

The clothing firm of Nau Brothers at Estherville is composed of Knut K. and Chris K. Nau, both prominent and representative citizens who through their commercial activity have contributed to the substantial development of this part of the state. Chris K. Nau was born in Norway in 1871 and Knut K. Nau in 1874. They are sons of Knut and Christina Nau. The father died in 1914 but the mother is still living in Norway, where a brother is engaged in merchandising and is also filling the office of postmaster. The sons acquired a common school education and afterward attended college in Norway and Germany. Chris K. Nau was a young man of twenty years when he came alone to the United States, first making his way to Chicago, where he was employed as a clerk in a clothing store until 1898, when with his brother Knut he came to Estherville.

It was in the year 1906 that Chris K. Nau was united in marriage to Johanna Isaakson, a daughter of Isaac and Marit Olson. In his political views Mr. Nau is a republican and, while never an office seeker, the fact that he is interested in the general welfare and progress of his community is shown in his identification with the Commercial Club. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

Knut K. Nau continued his education in the College of Languages in Norway until he reached the age of eighteen years, when he, too, crossed the Atlantic, making the voyage alone. He then traveled over the continent as far as Rochelle, Illinois, where he secured employment in a dry goods store, with which he was connected for five years. In the spring of 1898 he came to Estherville, where in connection with his brother Chris he established a store for the sale of men's clothing and furnishings and for the past eleven years they have occupied their present quarters. They handle the Hirsh Wickwire and Society Brand clothes, the Michaels Sterns and Keith "Tiger" hats and the Florsheim shoes. Theirs is the oldest clothing house in Estherville and they carry a large and

attractive stock, while their reasonable prices and honorable business methods have secured to them a constantly growing patronage. They are ever courteous and obliging in their treatment of patrons and their business integrity stands as an unquestioned fact in their career.

In 1904 Knut K. Nau was married to Miss Evaline Lein, a daughter of Thomas and Christina Lein. Her father was a veteran of the Civil war and became one of the early settlers of Emmet county. He is now deceased but his widow yet makes her home in Estherville.

Knut K. Nau gives his political support to the republican party and he belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. He is also a member of the Commercial Club and he is justly regarded as a progressive, enterprising business man and one whose record should serve to inspire and encourage others, showing what may be accomplished through determination, energy and laudable ambition.

LUMON L. BIXBY.

Lumon L. Bixby, deceased, was for many years a resident of Emmet county, where for a time he was engaged in general agricultural pursuits and then turned his attention to commercial interests. He was always thoroughly reliable and his upright life, characterized by honorable principles, won for him the confidence and high regard of those who knew him. He was born in Vermont, April 5, 1839, a son of William and Patience (Nye) Bixby, who were also natives of the Green Mountain state, in which they spent their entire lives. They had a family of thirteen children, of whom but two are now living.

Lumon L. Bixby spent the days of his boyhood and youth in Vermont and more than forty years ago came to Iowa, settling on a farm in Emmet county, after which he devoted his time and attention to the cultivation and development of the fields for a number of years. Later he took up his abode in Estherville, where he established a harness store and later he conducted a meat market. He was a thrifty, energetic and active business man who contributed much to the material development of the city in which he made his home. He was thoroughly reliable in his undertakings and his well-directed energy brought to him a substantial measure of success.

Mr. Bixby was a Civil war veteran, for following the outbreak of hostilities between the north and south he joined Company D of the Tenth Vermont Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for one year, when he was honorably discharged because of illness. He then returned to his home and family in Vermont, for he had previously married. It was in 1860 that he wedded Miss Ellen M. Wells, who was born in the Green Mountain state in 1842, a daughter of Nathaniel and Lovey (Carr) Wells, who spent their entire lives in that state. Mrs. Bixby was the

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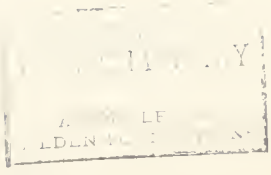


youngest in a family of five children, four of whom have passed away, and by her marriage she became the mother of thirteen children: Amanda Jeannette, the wife of Orville Manning, a resident of Waterloo, Iowa; Lumon J., now living in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Arby Anson; Clarence M.; Roswell W., living in Waverly, Iowa; Burt G., Cora B., Cora E. and Daisy M., all now deceased; Charles D.; Adelbert R., who is living in South Dakota; Archie, of Estherville; and Migie, who has also departed this life.

The death of the husband and father occurred December 2, 1905, and he was laid to rest in the East Side cemetery, leaving a widow and seven children to mourn his loss. He held membership in the Grand Army post at Estherville and his demise was greatly deplored by his old army comrades as well as by many other friends who had learned to know and highly respect him through the long years of his residence in Estherville. He lived a quiet and unostentatious life but he possessed many sterling traits of character that endeared him to those with whom he came in contact.

WILLIAM S. OSBORN.

William S. Osborn, now living retired in Milford, Iowa, was born December 20, 1854, in Lockport, New York, and is a son of Stephen and Sarah (White) Osborn, natives of England and Indiana respectively. In early life the father came to America and after spending about three years in New York continued westward to Iowa, taking up his abode near Plymouth Rock in Winneshiek county, where he bought a relinquishment. He made many improvements upon his farm and engaged in its operation for forty years, after which he retired from active labor and removed to Cresco, Iowa, there spending the remainder of his life. He died in the fall of 1900, having long survived his wife as she passed away in 1887.

It was during his infancy that William S. Osborn was brought to Iowa by his parents and in Winneshiek county he was reared and educated. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-five years of age and then rented the home place, which he operated for three years in addition to a farm of his own which he had purchased from his father. He continued farming in Winneshiek county until 1894, when he came to Dickinson county and purchased eighty acres of land in Excelsior township. Later he bought another tract of eighty acres and upon his place he made many useful and valuable improvements. In connection with general farming he devoted considerable attention to stock raising, including some thoroughbred shorthorn cattle. He continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until the fall of 1910, when he retired and removed to Canton, Minnesota, but after living there

for one year he returned to Dickinson county, Iowa, and has since made his home in Milford.

In November, 1884, Mr. Osborn was united in marriage to Miss Alice Seelye, by whom he had five children: Stacey, who died in 1885; Garner T., Sidney S. and Floyd, all living; and Bernice, who died in infancy. The mother of these children passed away in October, 1893, and in September, 1894, Mr. Osborn married her sister, Miss Julia Seelye. To them has been born one child, Grace, now the wife of J. W. Caauwe, a farmer of Osceola county, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborn hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and are most estimable people who have a host of friends in Milford. Politically Mr. Osborn affiliates with the republican party and he has always taken a commendable interest in local affairs, efficiently serving as school secretary in Excelsior township for six years; as township clerk one year; as assessor for five years; and as township trustee for two years. He has always been found true to any trust reposed in him and is regarded as one of the foremost citizens of his community.

HANS C. JENSEN.

Hans C. Jensen is farming on sections 12 and 13, Denmark township, and has never had occasion to regret the choice of agriculture as a life work. He was born in Denmark, June 9, 1869, and his parents, Jorgen and Caroline (Hansen) Jensen, were likewise natives of that country, where the father engaged in farming. They came to the United States when their son Hans was fifteen years of age and the father bought the north half of the northeast quarter of section 13 and subsequently added thereto the south half of the southeast quarter of section 12, Denmark township, Emmet county. He also became the owner of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 13 and resided upon his land until two years before his death. Having accumulated a competence, he removed to Ringsted, where he lived retired until his demise, which occurred on the 20th of June, 1914. He was survived by his wife until November, 1915. Both are buried in St. Paul's cemetery. They had three children: Hans C.; Jens P., who is farming in Denmark township; and Christine, now Mrs. H. J. Fink, of Ringsted.

Hans C. Jensen received a common school education and assisted his father in the cultivation of the home place until he was thirty years of age, when, in 1900, he began farming on his own account, buying the south half of the southwest quarter of section 12, which he still owns, together with the north half of the northwest quarter of section 13. He is energetic and progressive and derives a good annual income from his farm.

In 1901 occurred the marriage of Mr. Jensen and Miss Katrine

N. Jensen, whose parents, Nels and Elsie (Petersen) Jensen, lived and died in Denmark. To Mr. and Mrs. Jensen have been born six children, namely, Anna, Richard, Esther, Harold, Jens, Christian and Ruth.

Mr. Jensen votes the republican ticket but has never held political office. He has, however, served as school director and has always felt a strong interest in everything relating to educational advancement. He is a communicant of St. Paul's Danish Lutheran church and his life has conformed to the highest standards of manhood.

MISS HATTIE RUDD.

Miss Hattie Rudd is the owner of a valuable and well improved farm of two hundred and fourteen acres on section 22, Superior township, Dickinson county, where she now makes her home. A native of Iowa, she was born in Des Moines and is a daughter of Samuel and Emma (Armstrong) Rudd. The father was born in England and in the '60s came to the United States. His death occurred in Missouri, but the mother, who was a native of Iowa, died in this state. They were the parents of seven children, of whom five are still living.

In 1914 Miss Rudd purchased her present farm in Dickinson county and upon it she and her brother Reuben have since resided. He gives his attention to its operation and in connection with general farming makes a specialty of raising mules. The place is known as Cottonwood Farm and its neat and attractive appearance plainly indicate the care and labor bestowed upon it. Miss Rudd is an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is a woman of good business and executive ability, who capably manages her affairs and who is held in the highest esteem by all who know her.

FRED R. DOWDEN.

A well known representative of banking interests in Emmet county is Fred R. Dowden, numbered among Iowa's native sons, his birth having occurred in Marion county, December 29, 1882, his parents being W. O. and Frances (Hyer) Dowden, who were natives of Ohio. In the year 1855 they came to Iowa and established their home upon a farm in Marion county. In 1892 they removed to Emmet county and took up their abode upon a farm in Lincoln township. To them were born five children, all of whom are yet living.

Fred R. Dowden was a lad of ten summers when the family home was established in Emmet county, so that he has been largely reared and educated within its borders. After mastering the branches of learning taught in the district schools he continued his education in the

Dolliver high school, from which in due course of time he was graduated. He continued under the parental roof until after he attained his majority and, starting out in business life, was employed as a bookkeeper in the Dolliver Savings Bank, there remaining for four years. On the expiration of that period he went to South Dakota, where he continued for a year, and in 1908 he removed to Gruver, where he now makes his home. In that year he accepted the position of cashier in the Gruver Savings Bank, in which capacity he still continues. That he has prospered as the years have gone by is indicated in the fact that aside from his bank stock he owns a residence in Gruver and is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of excellent farm land on section 31, Ellsworth township.

In 1908 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Dowden and Miss Bessie E. Reed, who was born in Carroll county, Illinois, a daughter of Samuel B. and Sylvia (Bailey) Reed, who were likewise natives of that state and in 1891 came to Emmet county, where they settled upon a farm. Mr. and Mrs. Dowden have become parents of three children: Opal L., who was born December 17, 1909; Avis V., born January 19, 1911; and Eileen E., born September 27, 1914.

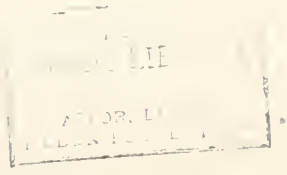
Mrs. Dowden is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Dowden is well known in fraternal circles, holding membership in the masonic lodge at Estherville, in which he has filled all the chairs, and in the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 67, in which he has occupied some of the offices. He is also connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and his political allegiance is given to the Republican party. He is actuated by a spirit of enterprise and progress in all that he does and in his business career has made steady advancement that is the direct result of ability and fidelity.

SOREN ANDERSEN.

Soren Andersen, who passed away on the 19th of April, 1913, was one of the leading farmers of Denmark township, Emmet county, where he had made his home since 1889. His early life was spent on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born in Denmark, April 2, 1851, and was a son of Andrew Sorensen, a small farmer in that country. In the family were seven children. The parents never came to the United States, but continued to reside in Denmark until called to their final rest.

In his native land Soren Andersen pursued his education in the district schools near his boyhood home and later devoted a year and a half to military training. As an occupation he followed farming in the employ of others until his emigration to America in 1886. For two years he was a resident of Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, and in 1889 came to Emmet county, being engaged in farming on rented land in Denmark township for six years. At the end of that time he purchased the south-

THE FAMILY AND RESIDENCE OF SOREN ANDERSEN



east quarter of section 20 in the same township and continued its operation up to the time of his death. His remains were interred in St. John's cemetery.

In 1894 Mr. Andersen was united in marriage to Miss Maren Oxholm, who was born in Schleswig, Germany, June 2, 1865, and of that province her parents, Hans and Anna Marie Oxholm, were lifelong residents. When she was nineteen years of age she came to the new world with her brother Carl, who is now a resident of Tyler, Minnesota. Four years later she returned to Denmark and when she again came to the United States she was accompanied by her other brother, Steffen, who is now a banker at Tyler, Minnesota. At the time of her marriage Mrs. Andersen was living in Ringsted, Iowa, with a friend, Mrs. Andrew Larson, with whom she had spent a few months. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Andersen are Anna, Hans, Emma and Alma, who are at home with their mother and assist in the operation of the farm. The place is in a high state of cultivation and the fields yield bounteous harvests for the labor bestowed upon them. Mr. Andersen was an enterprising and progressive farmer and the success that he achieved was due entirely to his own well directed efforts. He was a democrat in politics and acceptably served as township road supervisor for one year.

WILLIAM O. HOWARD.

William O. Howard, editor of the Armstrong Journal, was born March 10, 1874, in Drakesville, Davis county, Iowa, and is a son of George O. and Susan F. (Seay) Howard, natives of Ohio and Iowa respectively. The father, who was a shoemaker by trade, died in 1878, and the mother then removed to Clarinda, Iowa, to make her home with her father, the Rev. Isaac M. Seay, who was a pioneer Baptist minister of the state.

William O. Howard was reared and educated in Clarinda, and at the early age of twelve years entered the office of the Page County Democrat, where he quickly acquired a good knowledge of the printer's trade. At the age of sixteen years he established the Bradyville News and became the youngest newspaper publisher in Iowa. On disposing of the business there he worked at his trade in Minnesota for ten years, a part of which time he was in the employ of Brown & Bigelow, art calendar publishers of St. Paul. In 1908 Mr. Howard located at Forest City, Iowa, and for three years owned the controlling interest in the Forest City Summit. On selling out there he purchased the Wall Lake Blade, which he published until the spring of 1916 when he sold out, and in the fall of that year became a resident of Armstrong, Emmet county. Here he bought the Armstrong Journal which he now publishes. He has a well equipped office and being a thorough newspaper man undoubtedly will meet with success in his new field of labor.

On New Year's Day of 1897 Mr. Howard was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Peterson, a native of Norway, and they have become the parents of four children, namely: Harold M., born May 6, 1898; Morton O., July 3, 1899; Francis E., June 22, 1901; and Ruth M., September 17, 1904. Fraternally Mr. Howard is a member of the Masonic order and is also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he is a progressive republican, taking a commendable interest in public affairs and supporting all worthy enterprises for the benefit of his town and community.

MRS. SARAH GUNDERSON.

Mrs. Sarah Gunderson is well known in Emmett County, where she has long resided, her home being now on section 12, in Twelve Mile Lake township. She is the widow of Andrew Gunderson and is a native of Columbia County, Wisconsin. Her parents were Knut and Olive (Isaacson) Knutson, who were natives of Norway, and her father made farming his life work. Coming to the new world, he established his home in Wisconsin and was there residing at the time of the outbreak of the Civil War. Responding to the country's call for military aid, he joined Company A of the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and went to the front, serving until honorably discharged on account of illness. He never recovered his health and died three years after leaving the army. He had three sons who were also in the service: John, who was wounded while at the front but recovered; Thomas, who was killed, thus laying down his life on the altar on his country, and Isaac, who died from illness in a hospital during his term of service.

Mrs. Gunderson spent her girlhood in her native state, was confirmed in Iowa and pursued her education in a Norwegian school in Wisconsin. When eighteen years of age she gave her hand in marriage to Andrew Gunderson and two years later they left Wisconsin for Iowa, taking up their abode in Twelve Mile Lake township, Emmet County. Mr. Gunderson purchased the northwest quarter of section 12 and later the northeast quarter of section 11, but afterward forty acres of the farm was sold to his brother, L. L. Gunderson. Andrew Gunderson was born in Norway, June 1, 1843, a son of Louis and Lena Gunderson, the former a shoemaker by trade. The son attended the common schools of his native country and when eighteen years of age came to America with his parents, the family home being established in Dane County, Wisconsin. The father followed shoemaking in Lodi, Wisconsin, and there he and his wife remained until called to their final rest. Their family numbered four sons and three daughters. Andrew Gunderson became familiar with the trade of shoemaking and worked with his father up to the time of his marriage. He then started out inde-

pendently and, as previously indicated, became interested in farming in Emmet County, securing a tract of land which he converted into rich and productive fields. He annually gathered golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestowed upon his place and became recognized as one of the foremost agriculturists of his district.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gunderson were born eleven children, of whom nine are yet living. The eldest, Lena, became the wife of George Wigdahl and died in 1896, leaving her husband, who is now a resident of Colton, South Dakota, and two children: Oberner, a resident of Chicago, and Lawrence, also of Colton, South Dakota. The second child of the family was George Leland, who died in infancy. The others of the household are: Olive, the wife of Henry Beucus, of Monee, Illinois; Louise, who married Otley R. Westfall, of Chicago; Hans, who married Bertha Ellingbo and is now living with his mother, for whom he cultivates the homefarm; Knut, at home; Ellen, the wife of John Christman, of Chicago; Emma, the wife of Clay Foley, of Chicago; Andrew, who married Ada Waldo and is living in Monee, Illinois; and Hazel and Alma, both residing in Chicago.

The death of the husband and father occurred December 11, 1894, and he was laid to rest in Riverside cemetery at Wallingford. He served as a member of the school board in Twelve Mile Lake township and was much interested in the cause of education, recognizing the fact that the public school system is one of the bulwarks of the nation. He voted with the Republican party but was never an aspirant for office. His religious faith was that of the Norwegian Lutheran Church. He won material success in life through his indefatigable industry and perseverance and at his death he left to his family not only a comfortable competence but also the priceless heritage of an untarnished name. Mrs. Gunderson, surviving him, is numbered among the old-time residents of the county, having long made her home here, so that she is familiar with the history of its development from pioneer days to the present.

DON H. SPAULDING.

Don H. Spaulding, who is connected with farming interests in Emmet county as the owner of a good tract of land on section 26, Center township, was born on the 11th of February, 1875, in Carroll county, Illinois, of the marriage of Harris and Frances (Knox) Spaulding. The father was a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of Wisconsin, and in early life they removed westward to Illinois, living for a time in Carroll county, while subsequently they became residents of Grundy county, Iowa, where they continued to make their home until called to their final rest. They had a family of two children, both of whom are yet living.

Don H. Spaulding was largely reared and educated in Grundy county and through the period of his minority he assisted in the work of the fields, thus becoming well qualified by practical experience to undertake work of that character on his own account after he had reached man's estate. He continued to engage in farming in Grundy county until 1909, when he came to Emmet county and subsequently he purchased the farm upon which he now resides on section 26, Center township. This is a tract of two hundred and forty acres, now well improved. He tills the soil according to most modern methods, practicing the rotation of crops and recognizing the need of the soil in every way. In addition to general farming he engages in stock raising and is meeting with success in that field.

In 1900 Mr. Spaulding was married to Miss Marie Smith, a native of Grundy county, Iowa, and a daughter of Thomas and Eliza (Dubert) Smith. Her mother is now deceased, but the father yet survives. Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding have twins, Wayne and Wava, who were born June 26, 1910. Mr. Spaulding is a democrat in his political views but has no time nor inclination for office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his farming interests, which are of growing importance, making him one of the representative and successful agriculturists of the community.

ARTHUR EMANUEL ERICKSON.

Estherville, with its varied and growing business enterprises, may well be proud of the one which Arthur E. Erickson has developed in its midst, for he is there conducting the finest photographic studio in northwestern Iowa. Familiar with all the latest processes and improvements of photography, his work ranks with the best to be found in the larger cities and at all times he keeps abreast with the highest standards of the art. A native of Illinois, he was born at Kensington, Chicago, May 23, 1885, his parents being Lars August and Johanna Mathilde Erickson, both of whom were natives of Orebro, Sweden. They became residents of Chicago in 1871 and the father was employed on the building of the foundation for the Pullman car shops at Pullman, Illinois, where he has worked continuously since. In 1917, however, he will be pensioned by the company as a recognizition of long, capable and faithful service. His wife died in 1900.

Arthur E. Erickson acquired his education in the West Pullman school, from which he was graduated on the 23d of June, 1899. He took up the study of photography and became a traveling photographer, in which connection he traversed the country from Canada to Texas. Continually he has progressed in his chosen field of labor and the excellence of his work has been the basis of his growing success until now he is owner of the finest photographic studio in northwestern Iowa. He has

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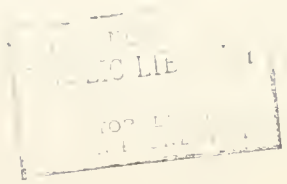

been located at Estherville since 1915, drawing his patronage from a wide territory.

On the 1st of October, 1913, at Linn Grove, Iowa, Mr. Erickson was united in marriage to Miss Mabel May Reese, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reese, of that place. They now have a daughter, Enid. In his fraternal connections Mr. Erickson is a Mason and exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft. He also belongs to the Photographers Association of America. He is ever actuated by laudable ambition and he has that keen interest and delight in his work which is always the basis of successful accomplishment.

C. A. YARNES.

There is probably no man in Dickinson county more familiar with its pioneer conditions than C. A. Yarnes, who has been a resident within its borders since September 22, 1864. For many years he was actively identified with the agricultural interests of the county, but is now living retired in Spirit Lake, enjoying a well-earned rest. He was born in Broome county, New York, November 22, 1840, and is a son of C. M. Yarnes, also a native of the Empire State, where he grew to manhood and married. During the Civil War the father enlisted in the Thirty-Seventh New York Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac under the command of General McClellan. Later he was discharged for disability and returned home, where he soon died.

In the county of his nativity C. A. Yarnes grew to manhood upon a farm, and on leaving New York went to Michigan, where he worked in a lumber camp for one winter. In the fall of 1864, as previously stated, he removed to Iowa and became a settler of Dickinson county. He homesteaded a tract of one hundred and eighty-one acres on the east side of Spirit Lake, and erected thereon a log cabin, in which he lived while opening up and developing his farm. Later he built a good frame residence, barns and outbuildings, and now has a well improved and valuable farm. He devoted considerable attention to the raising and feeding of stock for market, making a specialty of high grade cattle, horses and hogs, and as the years passed he steadily prospered and was able to add to his property until he had three hundred acres in his home place and also another farm of two hundred and forty acres of well improved land in Dickinson county, besides two farms aggregating five hundred acres in Minnesota. He is a very influential and progressive farmer and stock raiser and the prosperity that came to him was due entirely to his own well directed efforts. Having accumulated a valuable estate, in 1901 he retired from active labor and purchased a residence in Spirit Lake, where he has since made his home.

Mr. Yarnes was married in Dickinson county, September 15, 1887, to Miss Clara Lynne Snow, who was born in Oxford, Iowa, and for a

time engaged in teaching school in Ozark, Arkansas. They became the parents of three children who are still living, namely: Charles, who is a well educated man, having studied both at Spirit Lake and Chicago, and who for the past two years has served as deputy treasurer of Dickinson county; and Annie Grace and Bessie, who are now attending Des Moines College. Mr. and Mrs. Yarnes lost a son, Robert, who died in 1908 at the age of nineteen years. He, too, received a good education and was serving as station agent and operator for the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad at Emmet at the time of his death.

In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Yarnes are Baptists, and are consistent members of the church of that denomination at Spirit Lake. They have always been liberal contributors to church work and Mr. Yarnes served on the building committee at the time of the erection of the church at Spirit Lake. In politics he is an ardent Republican and has been called upon to serve as treasurer and trustee of his township, besides filling other local offices of honor and trust. He can relate many interesting incidents of early life in this locality, as he came here when Dickinson county was practically a wilderness, few settlements having been made and most of the land being wild and uncultivated. He experienced all the hardships which come to the pioneer and bore his part in the development and upbuilding of this region.

S. H. LEE.

S. H. Lee, who owns and cultivates an excellent farm comprising the northeast quarter of section 35, Emmet township, in Emmet county, was born in Norway on the 16th of June, 1844, and is a son of Hans and Mary (Nelson) Lee, who were both of Norwegian birth and spent their entire lives in the land of the midnight sun. In their family were four children, three of whom are yet living.

S. H. Lee was reared and educated in Norway, enjoying the privileges afforded by the public schools. He had attained his majority when in 1865 he bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for the United States, hoping to find better business opportunities in the new world. He at once made his way to Iowa and was employed as a laborer until 1878, but during that period he carefully saved his earnings, for he was ambitious to engage in business on his own account and secure farm property. In 1878, therefore, he came to Emmet county and purchased the northeast quarter of section 35, Emmet township. He at once took up his abode upon that place, which he has now occupied for about thirty-nine years, and he has wrought a marked transformation in its appearance by the many improvements which he has added to his farm. It is now a valuable property, made so by the efforts and progressiveness of Mr. Lee, whose life has been one of untiring industry and perseverance.

In 1878 Mr. Lee was united in marriage to Miss Christina Nelson, a native of Norway and a daughter of Nels and Anna (Olson) Nelson. The year 1874 witnessed their arrival in Emmet county, Iowa, and the father here purchased a farm on which both he and his wife spent their remaining days. Mr. and Mrs. Lee have five children, as follows: Hans N., a railway engineer, and Anna M., Carl O., Arnt T. and Louisa, all at home.

The parents are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church, and Mr. Lee gives his political support to the Republican party, with which he has voted since becoming a naturalized American citizen. He is conversant with the leading questions and issues of the day and he has become thoroughly American in spirit and interests—one of the substantial adopted sons that Norway has furnished to the United States.

GEORGE W. CANON.

George W. Canon, who is living retired in Armstrong, is characterized by an unusual degree of public spirit and has been active in local affairs, especially in the promotion of the educational interests of the town. He was born in Sullivan county, New York, June 30, 1865, and his parents were Cornelius and Ruth (Wood) Canon, natives of Sullivan county and Delaware county, New York, respectively. In June, 1872, the family emigrated to the west and took up their residence in Armstrong Grove township, Emmet county, Iowa, where the father homesteaded land. He devoted the remainder of his life to the operation of that farm and passed away on the 2nd of August, 1895, when seventy-three years old. The mother died in March, 1902, also at the age of seventy-three years.

George W. Canon was reared and educated in this county and has been a witness of much of its development. He remained with his parents until he attained his majority and then farmed rented land for a year. At the end of that time he purchased one hundred and sixty acres in sections 24 and 25, Armstrong Grove township, which he farmed until 1896. He then sold that place and bought another tract of land which he operated for three years and then sold. He then came to Armstrong and for eight years engaged in the produce business, handling poultry and eggs. At the end of that period he again turned his attention to farming, purchasing land in section 20, Iowa Lake township. For five years he cultivated that tract and then disposed of it and bought a quarter section in Pipestone county, Minnesota, but at the end of a year sold that place and returned to Emmet county, farming land belonging to his father-in-law for two years. He then purchased five acres within the corporation limits of Armstrong and has since resided here, enjoying a well-earned leisure. He erected a fine residence modern, in every particular.

In July, 1891, Mr. Canon was united in marriage to Miss Victoria Horswell, a daughter of Richard and Dorcas Horswell. Mr. and Mrs. Canon have a daughter, Winifred, whose birth occurred on the 27th of April, 1894.

Mr. Canon is a stanch supporter of the Republican party, in religious faith is a Methodist, and fraternally is connected with the Masonic Order. He was assessor for one year and for seven years has been a member of the school board. He was instrumental in the building of the new consolidated school at Armstrong, of which the community is justly proud, and was also a member of the board that erected the old schoolhouse. All that he has undertaken he has done to the best of his ability and his efforts have been crowned with success.

MIKE NECE.

Since 1884 Mike Nece has been a resident of Dickinson county and for many years was one of the most influential citizens of Spirit Lake township, where he followed farming, but since 1909 has lived retired in the city of Spirit Lake, enjoying a well earned rest made possible by former toil. He was born in Germany on the 9th of December, 1849, and is a son of George and Catherine Nece, also natives of that country, where they were reared and married and where the father followed farming until his emigration to America in 1852. After spending a short time in Chicago, Illinois, he went to Indiana, where in the late '50s he purchased a tract of wild land, from which he cut the timber and sold it for fuel. Later he removed to Blue Island, Illinois, sixteen miles south of Chicago, and for a few years was employed at odd jobs but later engaged in the saloon business, which he had also followed in Indiana. He passed away over fifty years ago and his widow later came to Dickinson county, Iowa, where her death occurred.

Mike Nece was about three years of age when brought by his parents to the new world and his boyhood and youth were passed in Indiana and Illinois. On coming to Dickinson county, Iowa, in 1884, he purchased a quarter section of land on section 25, Spirit Lake township, and there followed farming with good results until his retirement from active labor in 1909, since which time he has resided in Spirit Lake.

In the fall of 1871, at Akron, Ohio, Mr. Nece married Miss Annie Collins, who was born, reared and educated in Ireland, being seventeen years of age when she came to the United States. She died in Spirit Lake in 1914, leaving many friends as well as her immediate family to mourn her loss. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Nece are as follows: Annie, the wife of Mike O'Day, a retired farmer of Spirit Lake; Katherine, the wife of Daniel Sarazine, a farmer of Spirit Lake township; Lucy, the wife of Fred Smith, a farmer of Superior township; Carrie, the wife of Henry Williamson, also a farmer of Spirit Lake township;

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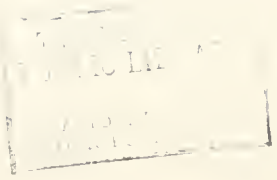

Rickie, the wife of Roy Cooper, of the same township; Bessie, at home with her father; George, a farmer of Pipestone county, Minnesota; Frank, a farmer of Spirit Lake township, Dickinson county, Iowa; and Mike, a farmer of Pipestone county, Minnesota.

Mr. Nece is a stanch democrat in politics and on that ticket was elected supervisor of Dickinson county for a term of three years although the county is strongly republican. His election therefore indicates his personal popularity and the confidence and trust reposed in him by his fellow citizens, who recognize his worth and ability. He endeavors to support those enterprises best calculated to promote the public interests, making party politics a second consideration. He creditably filled the office of supervisor and while living in Spirit Lake township also served in other local offices, including that of school director. In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic. Mr. Nece is a director of the Spirit Lake National Bank and as a public-spirited and progressive citizen has done all in his power to advance the welfare of the community in which he has resided. While on the farm he helped to organize elevator and threshing machine companies in his locality and has been a strong advocate of coöperation among the farmers to promote mutual interests. His career has ever been such as to win for him the commendation and high regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact either in business or social life.

JACOB HERUM.

A valuable farm of one hundred and ninety-six acres on section 22, High Lake township, pays tribute to the care and labors bestowed upon it by its owner, Jacob Herum, who is acknowledged one of the progressive and enterprising agriculturist of Emmet county. He was born in Dane county, Wisconsin, January 24, 1862, and is a son of Peter E. and Bertha Herum, who were natives of Norway. On coming to the United States they made their way to Dane county, Wisconsin, in 1847 and there resided for almost a quarter of a century, or until 1870. In the latter year they came to Emmet county, Iowa, and Mr. Herum purchased farm land in High Lake township. He then began to develop and improve his farm, bringing his fields to a high state of cultivation. He continued active in that work until his death and his wife has also passed away. In their family were twelve children, nine of whom are yet living.

The common school system of Emmet county afforded Jacob Herum the educational privileges which he enjoyed. He was but eight years of age when brought by his parents to Iowa and through the period of his boyhood and youth his time was divided between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the home farm. In fact he continued upon the home place until 1896, when he was united in marriage to Miss Ina Bauge, a daughter of Joe and Julia

(Halverson) Bauge, natives of Norway, who became early settlers of Iowa, where they still reside. Mr. and Mrs. Herum have become the parents of five children, Percy B., Joseph G., Raymond J., Robert G. and Margaret M.

Devoting his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits, Jacob Herum is now the owner of one hundred and ninety-six acres of land, which embraces the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 22, High Lake township, the north half of the northeast quarter of section 22 and the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of the same section. He has resided thereon continuously since his marriage and is now engaged in general farming and in dairying, keeping good grades of cows for that purpose. There are excellent improvements upon his land in the way of good buildings and well kept fences, his machinery is of the latest improved models and his farm work is carried on according to the most progressive methods.

Mr. and Mrs. Herum are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church. His political endorsement is given to the Republican party and he has filled the office of road supervisor. He has also been school director for two years and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. Practically his entire life has been passed in Emmet county, where he has now lived for forty-seven years, and there is no phase of its development and progress with which he is not familiar, having witnessed the greater part of its growth and upbuilding.

GEORGE W. SHADLE.

Commercial activity in Estherville finds a substantial, well known and highly respected representative in George W. Shadle, who is numbered among the native sons of the state. He was born in Pleasantville, Iowa, in 1873, a son of F. M. and Ann (Pence) Shadle, who are natives of Pennsylvania, but removed westward to Iowa, where since 1879 the father has been identified with mercantile pursuits. To him and his wife have been born seven sons: Owen, who is residing at Pleasantville; George W., Christian, Merlin, who is a widower; Lee, Elton, and Willard, deceased.

George W. Shadle, spending his youthful days under the parental roof, mastered the branches of learning taught in the public schools of Pleasantville, continuing his studies through successive grades until he became a high school pupil. He afterward worked for his father until he reached the age of twenty-five years and later spent three years in the drug business at Pleasantville. In 1901 he came to Estherville and has since been identified with the commercial interests of the city. His stock of goods was destroyed by fire in 1914, but with characteristic energy he resumed business operations and is today one of the progressive and reliable merchants of the city, dealing in dry goods of all

descriptions and Stylecraft garments. His store displays the latest output of the manufactories of the country and the progressive methods of the proprietor insure to him continued and growing success.

In 1906 Mr. Shadle was married to Miss Emma Thorson, a daughter of T. L. and Jennie Thorson, the former proprietor of the pioneer hardware store of Armstrong, Iowa. They have two children, Francis, born in 1907; and Virginia, in 1912. Theirs is an attractive home on Maple street and its hospitality is greatly enjoyed by their many friends. Fraternally Mr. Shadle is connected with the Elks and with the Knights of Pythias. His religious belief is that of the Presbyterian church, while his political support is given to the Republican party. He has never sought to figure prominently in any public light outside of business, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his commercial interests which, carefully, wisely, systematically and intelligently directed, have brought to him substantial success.

GEORGE T. HAAHR.

George T. Haahr, of Denmark township, has gained a competence through unrelaxing attention to his work as a farmer and through the practice of thrift. His birth occurred in Denmark, August 25, 1875, and he is one of seven children born to Knud and Christiana (Andersen) Haahr. The mother passed away in 1884 in Audubon county, Iowa, where the family had located upon their emigration to the United States in 1883. The father subsequently married again, choosing as his second wife Karen Mikkelsen, by whom he had eight children. He purchased a farm in Audubon county, but after living there for seven years removed to Buena Vista county, whence after two years he went to Larimore, North Dakota, where he and his wife are still living.

George T. Haahr attended the district schools for a time in Audubon county, but as soon as he was old enough began working as a farm hand. When twenty-six years of age he rented a farm in Buena Vista county which he operated for two years. Since the spring of 1905 he has resided in Denmark township, Emmet county, and after farming the northwest quarter of section 11 for three years under lease he purchased the place, which he is still operating. The farm is well improved and everything is kept in first-class condition, thus facilitating the work of caring for the crops and livestock. Mr. Haahr was for some time a director of both the Denmark Creamery and the Farmers' elevator and is accounted one of the substantial men of his township.

On the 2nd of October, 1901, he was united in marriage to Miss Kate M. Christiansen, a daughter of Christopher and Karen M. (Nelsen) Christiansen, who located in Blackhawk county, Iowa, on removing from their native Denmark to the United States. They resided in that county for eighteen years and subsequently lived for a considerable period in

Buena Vista county, but at length took up their residence in Denmark township, Emmet county, where the father died. He is buried in St. John's cemetery. The mother survives and makes her home with her children in Denmark township. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Haahr, as follows: Earl, deceased; Orvil Eugene, Earlys Ardell, Marion Thorlund, and Lavinia Christiansen.

Mr. Haahr supports the Democratic party where national issues are at stake, but at local elections votes for the candidates whom he deems best fitted to fill the office without regard to their party affiliation. He is identified with the Danish Brotherhood and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in St. John's Danish Lutheran church. He began his independent career with no assets save his knowledge of farm work, his energy and his determination to succeed, and with these as a foundation he has builded well, gaining financial success and the unqualified respect of all who know him.

JAMES WARREN MORSE.

Prominent among the representatives of the Emmet county bar is James Warren Morse, who is now practicing as a member of the firm of Morse & Kennedy. He was born in Mitchell county, Iowa, October 21, 1877, and is a son of Isaac H. and Olive Morse, in whose family were three children. Those besides our subject are: Albert, now a resident of Mitchell county; and Mrs. Lois Wolff, also of that county. The parents are both living at Osage, Iowa.

A student in the State University of Iowa from 1898 until 1901, James W. Morse devoted that period to the study of law and the classical course in the college of liberal arts and following his admission to the bar located for practice in Estherville. He had no friends or relatives here and alone and unaided made his initial professional step. He practiced alone until 1903, when he became a partner of M. H. Kendall, with whom he continued until February, 1904. He then removed to Emmetsburg and was associated in a partnership with E. B. and P. H. Soper, father and son. In 1907 he returned to Estherville and entered into partnership with C. W. Crim, an association that was maintained until the 1st of July, 1910. For about four years thereafter Mr. Morse was again alone in practice, but on the 1st of April, 1914, entered into his present relation as a member of the law firm of Morse & Kennedy. He devotes his attention to the general practice of law and is recognized as a strong and able attorney. He is never surprised by the unexpected attack of an opponent, for he most carefully prepares his cases, preparing for attack as well as for defense. He follows a clear course of reasoning and his application of legal principles is seldom, if ever, at fault. He never seeks to enshroud his cause in any sentimental garb or illusion but presents it in the strong, clear light of reason and his close conformity to a high

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standard of professional ethics has won for him the high respect of colleagues and contemporaries. In the early years of his residence in Estherville he served as city attorney, resigning the office when he removed to Emmetsburg. In 1908 he was elected county attorney and filled that position in a most acceptable manner for four years.

On the 5th of August, 1903, Mr. Morse was married to Miss Winifred Williams, a daughter of John and Olive Williams, of Mitchell county, Iowa, and they have become the parents of two children: Olive, born November 24, 1907; and John, born September 22, 1911.

Mr. and Mrs. Morse are well known in Estherville, where high regard is entertained for them by the many friends whom they have won during the period of their residence in this city. Mr. Morse gives his political allegiance to the republican party and he is connected with several fraternal organizations, being a past master of the Masonic lodge and a member of the Yeomen, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

JOHN T. CHEEVER.

John T. Cheever, who owns and operates two hundred and forty acres on sections 14 and 15, Iowa Lake township, was born in Oneida county, New York, August 12, 1866. His parents, S. W. and Helen (Tufts) Cheever, were also natives of the Empire state. The father followed contracting there until 1874, when with his family he removed to Butler county, Iowa, where he became a landowner. There he engaged in farming until his death on the 2nd of June, 1891, at the age of sixty-six years and three months. The mother's death occurred in March, 1896, and she was at that time fifty-seven years and seven months old.

John T. Cheever attended the public schools in New York State and Butler county, Iowa, in the acquirement of his education, and through assisting his father as a boy and youth gained a valuable knowledge of farm work. After attaining his majority he rented land in Butler county, in March, 1896, came to Emmet county and rented land here. He operated that place for two years, after which he bought his present farm, comprising two hundred and forty acres on sections 14 and 15, Iowa Lake township. The buildings are located on section 14 and they, as well as the other improvements upon the farm, have been placed there by Mr. Cheever. His property is one of the best developed and most attractive and valuable farms in the locality. He raises both grain and stock and finds that the two phases of farming co-ordinate well. He is a stockholder in the Armstrong Cement Company.

Mr. Cheever was married on the 31st of January, 1893, to Miss Ella M. Babcock, and they have become the parents of three children, namely: Carl A., who was born January 9, 1895, and died the follow-

ing June; Linden L., born in September, 1899, and Laura H., born December 3, 1904.

Mr. Cheever is an advocate of Republican principles and supports the candidates of that party at the polls. He is now township assessor and for the past two years has been one of the school directors. He has been characterized throughout his life by industry, perseverance and strict integrity, qualities which go far toward gaining success in any field of endeavor.

O. P. OLSEN.

One of the most substantial farmers and influential citizens of Lloyd township, Dickinson county, is O. P. Olsen, who owns and operates a highly improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres in section 12. He is a native of Denmark, born September 4, 1855, and is a son of Nels and Catherine (Jensén) Olsen, both of whom spent their entire lives in that country. In the common schools of Denmark he acquired a good practical education and he continued to make his home there until 1885, when he crossed the Atlantic and became a resident of Shelby county, Iowa. During his first two years in this country he worked as a farm hand and then began farming on his own account upon rented land. Subsequently he removed to Clay county, Iowa, where he resided for eight years, and in 1900 came to Dickinson county. It was in 1912 that he purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres and he has since devoted his time and energies to its improvement and cultivation. There are good and substantial buildings upon the place and the fields yield bounteous returns for the labor he bestows upon them.

In February, 1885, Mr. Olsen was united in marriage to Miss Christina Krieger, a native of Germany, and to them have been born five children, namely: Christ, deceased; Thomas and Louis, both residents of Arnolds Park, Dickinson county; Catherine, the wife of Claude Ferguson, of Estherville; and Peter, at home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Olsen are earnest and consistent members of the Lutheran church, and in politics he is an ardent Democrat. He has never regretted his emigration to the new world, for here he has steadily prospered and today is regarded as one of the leading citizens of his community.

WILLIAM H. HAGEBOECK.

William H. Hageboeck, a well-known druggist of Lake Park, Iowa, was born on the 23rd day of July, 1873, in Germany, of which country his parents, William F. and Mary (Konemann) Hageboeck, were also natives. His father, who was an officer in the German army, died in

that country, and the mother is still living there. Our subject spent the first sixteen years of his life in his native land, attending school during the most of that time, and in 1889 came to the United States, landing in New York City on the 26th of May. He proceeded at once to Iowa and first located in Davenport, where he began his apprenticeship in the drug house of C. L. Richards, but in 1890 removed to Clinton, this state. In 1895 he took a course in the Chicago Institute of Pharmacy and the following year passed the required examination and received his diploma as a registered pharmacist.

In 1897 and 1898 Mr. Hageboeck was employed as a pharmacist at Calmar, Iowa, but in the latter year started on an educational trip through America and Europe, being gone thirteen months. Coming to Lake Park, Iowa, in February, 1899, he purchased the drug store of Shultz & Company, over which he has since presided, and in the meantime he has built up an excellent business.

On the 21st of November, 1905, Mr. Hageboeck was united in marriage to Miss Amy Thompson, a daughter of Henry Thompson, who is a retired business man of Lake Park, and to this union has been born a son, William Thompson Hageboeck. Mr. Hageboeck affiliates with the Republican party and for thirteen years efficiently served as a member of the town council of Lake Park. He is an honored member of Silver Lake lodge, No. 527, A. F. & A. M., and is regarded as one of the foremost business men and leading citizens of the town. He is public-spirited and progressive, and is willing to aid all worthy enterprises calculated to promote the general welfare of the community.

F. W. RUEF.

F. W. Ruef, one of the proprietors and the general manager of the Maple Hill Mercantile Company, owning and conducting a general merchandise business, a grain elevator and an extensive lumberyard at Maple Hill, Emmet county, has in his life demonstrated the possibilities for the attainment of success even when one has to start out without the assistance of family or friends. Iowa claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Clermont, Fayette county, on the 2nd of January, 1883, his parents being Ferdinand and Margaret (Sutter) Ruef, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Switzerland. In young manhood and young womanhood they came to the new world, settling first in Fayette county, Iowa, where they were married and spent their remaining days. The father was a stone mason by trade and thus provided for the support of his family. He died in 1896, while his wife survived only until 1898.

F. W. Ruef was a lad of but thirteen years at the time of his father's death and was left on orphan when fifteen. Being an only son, at his father's death he became the bread-winner for the family and has not

only made his own way in the world from that time forward, but also contributed to the support of his mother during her lifetime. He was first employed in a brickyard at Clermont, where he received a wage of three dollars per week. Following the death of his mother he made his home with an older sister in Armstrong, Iowa, and there found employment in a hardware store. During his three years' service in that connection he learned much of the plumbing business and in 1901 he went to the Pacific coast, where for eight years he was employed in a plumbing establishment, working throughout the state for a firm at Salem, Oregon. In 1910 he returned to Iowa and settled at Maple Hill, where he purchased the interest of Mr. Dows in the Maple Hill Mercantile Company, the present owners of the business being Mr. Ruef, Mrs. Grace Slessor and B. F. Robinson, the last named being also cashier of the First National Bank at Armstrong, Iowa. The firm conducts an extensive mercantile and lumber business and operates the Maple Hill elevator. In fact this firm is one of the most important in the business circles of Emmet county, controlling and directing large interests which contribute much to the commercial upbuilding and consequent prosperity of this section of the state.

In 1908 Mr. Ruef was united in marriage to Miss Edith Robinson, her father being B. F. Robinson, of Armstrong, senior member of the Maple Hill Mercantile Company. Mr. and Mrs. Ruef have two children, Elizabeth Margaret and Benjamin Edward. In his political views, Mr. Ruef is a Republican and has filled the office of postmaster at Maple Hill. He is also the treasurer of the Consolidated School of Maple Hill, one of the important educational institutions of the county, in which are employed five teachers. A new school building has been erected at a cost of twenty-one thousand dollars. Fraternally, Mr. Ruef is connected with Emmet Lodge, No. 565, F. & A. M., of Armstrong, and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, guiding their lives according to its teachings. Mr. Ruef is a representative citizen and leading business man, and in the accomplishment of his purposes has followed honorable methods.

MRS. SUSAN JOHNSON.

Mrs. Susan Johnson is well known in High Lake township, making her home on section 11, where she owns a good farm. She was born in Sogn, Norway, March 30, 1845, a daughter a Peter N. Brudjeld and Gertrude Thorsness. Her parents came to the United States when their daughter Susan was a little maiden of three summers, bringing with them their family of five children. They made their way to Wisconsin, settling in Columbia county, where they resided until 1865, in which year they came to Iowa, establishing their home in High Lake township, Emmet county. They were among its earliest residents and contributed in no small measure to the development of the district.

MRS. SUSAN JOHNSON, FAMILY AND RESIDENCE

Mrs. Johnson was a young woman of twenty years at the time the family came to this state and she was married in 1870 to John K. Johnson, a son of Knut and Sigre Johnson, who were natives of Norway, in which country the mother passed away. The father afterward came to the new world and for a time was a resident of Emmet county, Iowa, but spent his last days in Faribault county, Minnesota, where his death occurred in 1884. The birth of John K. Johnson occurred in Norway, September 3, 1841, and he was twenty years of age when he came with his parents to the United States. Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson located on the west half of the southwest quarter of section 11, High Lake township, on which farm they still make their home, and where he and his son are actively and successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits.

To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were born eight children: Tina, now the wife of O. T. Johnson, of Bricelyn, Minnesota; Nels, who is on the home farm; Hannah, the wife of O. M. Olson, a resident of Pequot, Minnesota; Carrie, the wife of Olin Anderson, living in High Lake township, Emmet county; Helen, the wife of L. E. Berg, whose home is in Twelve Mile Lake township; Sena, the wife of J. O. Carter, of Pequot, Minnesota; Bertha, who died in infancy; and Manda, the wife of Otto Larson, of High Lake township.

Mr. Johnson is a republican in his political views and he belongs to the Norwegian Lutheran church, in which Mrs. Johnson also holds membership. She is today one of the oldest residents of Emmet county in years of continuous connection therewith, having lived in High Lake township for more than a half century. She has witnessed many changes that have brought the county to its present condition of advancement and improvement and she can relate many an interesting tale concerning the early settlement here. Her many good qualities have won her the high esteem of those who know her and she has a wide circle of acquaintances in this part of the state.

HANS MADSEN.

Among the up-to-date farmers and stock raisers of Denmark township who are not only prospering individually but are also contributing to the development of their localities, is Hans Madsen, whose birth occurred in Denmark, October 9, 1864. His parents, Paul and Maren Sophia (Mikkelsen) Madsen, were born in that country and there the father engaged in farming until his death. Subsequently the mother came to the United States and spent her last days with her son Hans, dying on the 29th of May, 1906. She is buried in St. John's cemetery. Her only daughter is still living in Denmark.

Hans Madsen attended school in his native country until he was

confirmed and subsequently worked for others in that country until he attained his majority, when he came to the United States. He was employed as a farm hand in Brown county, Wisconsin, for a short time, and in 1885 arrived in Denmark township, Emmet county, Iowa. After remaining in the employ of others for two years he purchased an eighty acre tract on section 14, which he still owns and upon which he has made many improvements. He raises both grain and high grade stock and his well directed labors yield him a good financial return.

On the 14th of July, 1899, Mr. Madsen was united in marriage to Miss Nicolena Jensen, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jensen, lifelong residents of Denmark. Mr. and Mrs. Madsen have become the parents of eight children, Paul C., Lars Herman, William F., Maren, Katrina M., Ella, Carl M. and Anna Eleanor.

Mr. Madsen is a Republican and takes the interest of a good citizen in public affairs, but has never been an aspirant for office. He has made his own way in the world since a youth in his teens and has just cause to be proud of what he has accomplished.

WILLIAM WARBURTON.

Throughout his active business life, William Warburton was identified with the agricultural interests of Iowa and at the time of his death, which occurred December 9, 1913, was living upon his fine farm of two hundred and forty acres in Lakeville township, Dickinson county. He was born in England on the 12th of March, 1852, and was a son of John and Mary (Gibson) Warburton, also natives of England. On the emigration of the family to America they located at Cresco, Howard county, Iowa, and in that locality the father engaged in preaching as a Methodist minister up to the time of his death. During the Civil War, however, he manifested his loyalty to his adopted country by enlisting in Captain T. W. Burdick's company, Sixth Iowa Cavalry, with which he served for three years, and was made chaplain of his regiment. When hostilities ceased he returned to his home in Cresco, where he died May 21, 1867. His wife, who was born December 25, 1815, passed away in February, 1895.

It was during his boyhood that William Warburton became a resident of Howard county, Iowa, where he was reared and educated, and he remained with his mother until twenty-seven years of age. He was then married and located on a farm in Howard county, which he operated for sixteen years. In 1895 he came to Dickinson county and purchased two hundred and forty acres of land in Lakeville township, upon which he made many useful and valuable improvements. There he spent the remainder of his life and as previously stated passed away December 9, 1913, after three years illness.

On the 15th of March, 1879, Mr. Warburton was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Clink, a daughter of Joseph and Jane (Stewart) Clink, who were natives of Scotland and came to the new world at an early day, locating in Janesville, Wisconsin. There the father followed farming for some time and subsequently removed to Howard county, Iowa, where he died in April, 1907. His wife had departed this life on the 28th of December, 1903. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Warburton are Gaylord, a farmer of Dickinson county; Fred and Frank both residents of Milford; Jeanie, at home with her mother; and Marietta, the wife of F. J. Hemphill, a farmer of Dickinson county.

Mr. Warburton supported the Republican party at the polls and for several years served as road supervisor and also as school director. He was an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist church, to which his widow also belongs, and he had the respect and confidence of all who knew him on account of his honorable, upright life.

CLEM N. PETERSON.

Clem N. Peterson, actively engaged in the grocery business in Estherville, has throughout the entire period of his business career been connected with the trade interests of this city. He was born in Solomon, Kansas, March 4, 1879, a son of Lawrence and Gertrude Peterson, who were natives of Sweden and of Germany, respectively. In early manhood the father was employed by a lumber company and when his son Clem was three years of age he removed with his family to Estherville, where he established a lumber business which he conducted for six or seven years. He then turned his attention to general merchandising and continued his operations in that field until his death, which occurred in 1906. His widow survived him for about seven years and passed away in 1913, the remains of both being interred in the Catholic cemetery, which indicates the fact that they were members of the Catholic church.

Clem N. Peterson, spending his youthful days under the parental roof, entered the public schools and was graduated from the high school of Estherville. He then became the active assistant of his father in the general merchandise store, with which enterprise he was associated as an employe until 1901, when he was admitted to a partnership by his father, this relation being maintained until 1906. He then engaged in the grocery business in partnership with his brother, Charles H. Peterson, and in 1913 he bought out his brother's interest and now carries on business alone, handling a complete line of staple and fancy groceries. He makes a specialty of the goods put up and handled by Reid, Murdoch & Company, the Monarch brand goods, and the Pillsbury and Golden Cream flours. His trade has steadily grown, for his business methods commend him to the patronage and support of the public and he now has

a business of gratifying proportions, making his one of the fine stores of the town.

On the 5th of October, 1911, Mr. Peterson was married to Miss Mabel Thorson, a daughter of T. L. and Jennie Thorson, of Armstrong, Iowa, where her father is engaged in the hardware business. They have one child, Marian, born May 5, 1916. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church, and Mr. Peterson is identified also with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He votes with the Republican party and he has membership in the Commercial Club, thus co-operating in well-defined plans and measures for the upbuilding of his city and the extension of its commercial connections.

EDWARD H. ELLERSTON.

Many of the substantial citizens of Emmet county are of Norwegian birth or ancestry and possess the sterling traits of that hardy race, who have ever been characterized by industry and reliability. Among the number in Emmet county is Edward H. Ellerston, who was born in Chicago on the 14th of December, 1868, a son of Christian and Jennie (Jensen) Ellerston, who were natives of Norway. After coming to the new world the father became captain of a commission boat on Lake Michigan but later removed to Iowa and engaged in the milling business at Norway, Benton county, taking up his abode there when his son Edward was but a year old. He continued his residence there until about 1890, when he returned to the old country, where he died. Later his widow came to Estherville, where she is now living.

Edward H. Ellerston has practically been a lifelong resident of Iowa and in the district schools he pursued his education to the age of fifteen years. He worked at different vocations for ten years and when a young man of twenty-five years came to Emmet county, where he invested his savings in land, becoming the owner of the north half of section 25, Emmet township. He still owns this property, comprising three hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land which he has carefully cultivated throughout all the intervening years, converting the tract into well tilled fields which are divided by well built fences. He has good buildings upon his farm and is leading a most busy life in the further cultivation of the land in the production of those cereals which are best adapted to soil and climate.

In 1893 Mr. Ellerston was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Johnson, a daughter of John and Mary Johnson, of Norway, Iowa. Their four children, Irving, Ruby, Verna and Leona, are all attending the Estherville schools and reside with their paternal grandmother. In his political views Mr. Ellerston has always been a republican and is now filling the office of road superintendent. He belongs to the Episcopal church and his entire life is in harmony with his professions. He has ever been

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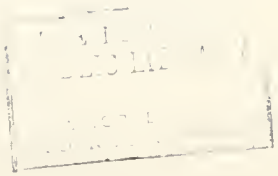

found honorable and upright and thoroughly reliable in his business connections, and those who know him entertain for him warm personal regard.

C. J. APPELQUIST.

Sweden has furnished to Iowa many of her most enterprising and progressive business men, and among these are numbered C. J. Appelquist, who is now conducting a general store in Terril. He was born in Sweden, January 20, 1886, and is a son of John and Ingerborg Appelquist, who throughout life continued to reside in that country. In their family were only two children, the daughter being Ebba, who is now the wife of F. O. Flygare, a resident of Minnesota.

C. J. Appelquist, the only son, obtained his education in the schools of his native land, where he spent the first seventeen years of his life, but in June, 1903, he came to America and first located in Minnesota. In 1913, however, he became a resident of Dickinson county, Iowa, and has since engaged in general merchandising at Terril. He has built up a good trade which is constantly increasing owing to his courtesy, fair dealing and reasonable prices.

In 1908 Mr. Appelquist married Miss Anna Flygare, who was born in Martin county, Minnesota, but is of Swedish parentage, being a daughter of Swen and Christina Flygare, natives of Sweden, whence they came to America in early life. Her father is deceased, but her mother is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Appelquist have four children, namely: Alvira, Leonard, Katherine and LeRoy.

In politics Mr. Appelquist is a Republican and he takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs, now serving as a member of the town council. He belongs to Terril Lodge, No. 612, A. F. & A. M., and both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church. He is one of the self-made men of his community, and is one of the leading merchants of Dickinson county.

NIELS JAKOBSEN.

Among the successful farmers whom Denmark has given to Emmet township is Niels Jakobsen, who now owns one hundred and sixty acres on section 11, Denmark township. His birth occurred November 4, 1870, and he was one of the seven children born to Robert and Carrie (Hansen) Jakobsen, who passed their entire lives in their native country. He received his education in the public schools of Denmark and after putting aside his textbooks worked for others there until he was nineteen years of age, when he came alone to the United States. He made his

way to the vicinity of Grandville, Michigan, and during the summer was employed as a farm hand, while the winter was spent in the lumber camps. In the spring of 1890 he came to Denmark township, Emmet county, Iowa, and for thirteen years rented land here. At the end of that time he had saved sufficient capital to enable him to purchase the north half of the southeast quarter of section 11, where he still resides. He is industrious and up-to-date in his methods and it is but natural that he should receive a gratifying financial return from his land.

In 1894 occurred the marriage of Mr. Jakobsen and Miss Elsie Marie Mikkelsen, a daughter of Lars and Paulina Mikkelsen, natives of Denmark, where both passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Jakobsen have been born seven children, Robert, Lawrence, Clara, Ernest, Lillian, Metha and Harvey.

Mr. Jakobsen is a stanch Democrat in politics, but has confined his activity in public affairs to the exercise of his right of franchise. He holds membership in St. John's Danish Lutheran church and fraternally is connected with Denmarks Minde. He has made his own way unaided since a boy in his teens and the competence which he has won is the best evidence of his ability.

WILLIAM NELSEN.

William Nelsen is living retired in Ringsted save for the supervision which he gives to his property interests. A native of Denmark, he was born September 21, 1844, a son of Anders and Anna Nelsen, also natives of that country, where the father followed the profession of teaching. He died there in 1851 but the mother survived for many years, passing away in 1894 when ninety years old.

William Nelsen was reared in his native country and after completing his education worked as a farm hand for three years, but at the age of seventeen went to sea before the mast. He followed the sea until 1865, when he again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he was engaged until 1869. In that year he emigrated to the United States and made his way across the country to Clinton, Iowa, where he worked as a farm hand for a year. He was next employed at a sawmill at Clinton and remained there for thirteen years, or until 1883, when he came to Emmet county, Iowa, and purchased land in Denmark township, to the cultivation and improvement of which he devoted nine years. He then returned to Denmark, where he remained during the summer and then came again to the United States, settling at Algona, Iowa. He engaged in the dairy business for some time. He remained at Algona for seven years and during that period built a number of residences which he rented, thus adding in substantial measure to his income. When the town of Ringsted was founded about 1899 he took up his abode here and built four residences and a store building, which he still owns.

He derives a good rental from these properties and is living practically retired. He is also interested financially in the Ringsted State Bank.

In October, 1872, Mr. Nelsen was married to Miss Riga Bossen and they have had two children: Ambrosina, the wife of F. M. Stacey, of Ringsted, by whom she has five children, Myrta, Clara, Carl, Helen and Florence; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Nelsen is a Democrat in politics and served as trustee of Denmark township for some time, has been a member of the town council of Ringsted and has been honored by election to the office of mayor for three terms. He has also been a member of the school board and in whatever office he has served has invariably placed the public good above all other considerations. He belongs to the Yeomen and the Danish Brotherhood, and in religious faith is a Lutheran. His life has been a long and useful one and he is held in the highest esteem wherever known.

GEORGE W. VANCE.

As the improvements upon the farm belonging to George W. Vance, of Spirit Lake township, are thoroughly modern and everything is kept in the best of condition, it is evident that he is a successful, progressive and energetic agriculturist and this is further indicated by the fact that he has won many prizes for the high quality of his corn. He has also secured an unusually large yield per acre, his crop more than once averaging one hundred bushels to the acre. He has likewise been successful as a stock raiser. A native of Indiana, his birth occurred on the 29th of May, 1852, and he is a son of John F. and Mary (Cooper) Vance. The father was born in Pennsylvania, where he remained until he was twenty-one years of age, when he removed to Ohio, later locating in Indiana. After spending several years in that state he removed still further west, arriving in Winneshiek county, Iowa, on the 14th of October, 1857. He purchased land near Castalia and there carried on general farming until his death on the 5th of March, 1909. His wife was a native of Ohio and continued to reside in that state until after her marriage. Following the death of Mr. Vance she removed to Dickinson county and here she passed away.

George W. Vance was but five years old when the family removed to Winneshiek county and his education was acquired in the public schools there. In early manhood he took charge of the operation of the homestead and followed agricultural pursuits there until 1887, when he went to Dakota territory, arriving in Aurora county on the 10th of March. He bought one hundred and twenty acres of good land there and for five years devoted his entire attention to its improvement and cultivation. He at length decided, however, that conditions were more favorable in Iowa, and traded his South Dakota farm, comprising one hundred and twenty acres, free of encumbrance, for eighty acres on

section 23, Spirit Lake township, Dickinson county, Iowa, assuming a five hundred dollar mortgage on the Iowa farm. He has spent a great deal of money in improving his place, erecting new buildings, setting out shade trees and also a good orchard and in many other ways adding to the beauty and value of his farm. The land is divided into twenty acre fields and no equipment that has proved of value in farm work is lacking. Mr. Vance is one of the most successful corn growers in the state, his yield often averaging one hundred bushels to the acre, and his corn has taken prizes at the Farmers' Institute for several years past, which indicates that the quality is also unusually high. He has given considerable attention to the raising of high grade hogs and has likewise engaged in breeding horses. He has owned a number of registered horses and his team of Hambletonian colts has taken first prize wherever shown.

Mr. Vance was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Mitchell, a representative of a pioneer family of this state, but a native of Canada. When she was but eight years old she was brought to Iowa by her parents, John and Margaret (Ross) Mitchell, who were born, reared and married in Scotland. On emigrating to the new world they located in Canada, whence they removed to Winneshiek county, Iowa. After farming there for a number of years they came to Dickinson county and are now living at Spirit Lake. To Mr. and Mrs. Vance have been born two children, Ruby May and James Waldo, both at home. The son is assisting his father with the operation of the home farm and owns land in South Dakota.

Mr. Vance is an advocate of Republican principles and supports the candidates of that party at the polls but has never sought office. He does not belong to any lodges or clubs, preferring to spend his leisure hours at his own fireside and deriving the greatest pleasure from the companionship of his family. The operation of his farm has made such heavy demands upon his time and energy that he has had no opportunity to take part in public affairs, but in successfully carrying on the work of cultivating the fields and raising stock he has not only won a substantial competence for himself but has also contributed to the development of his locality along those lines.

LOUIS A. KOON.

Louis A. Koon, cashier of the Terril Savings Bank, is a native of Illinois, born in Clay county, August 2, 1882. He is a son of Charles J. and Louise (McMeans) Koon, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Illinois. They are now residents of Salem, Oregon, and are the parents of seven children, five of whom are still living.

Louis A. Koon was practically reared and educated in Ford county, Illinois, where he attended the common schools and was also graduated from a seminary. In 1908 he removed to Calhoun county, Iowa, where he

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lived for two years and in 1910 came to Dickinson county. Here he purchased a farm and successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits for a time. He has bought and sold over two thousand acres of land in this locality and is still the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and sixty acres. In 1914 he became a resident of Terril and turned his attention to the banking business, becoming cashier of the Terril Savings Bank. In that capacity he is still serving and is regarded as one of the able financiers of Dickinson county.

Mr. Koon was married in 1904 to Miss Martha Wood, a daughter of John and Martha Wood, both deceased. They have become the parents of five children, namely: L. Vernon, Mildred, Dorothy, and Clifford and Cleora, twins. Mr. and Mrs. Koon hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and he is quite prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of the Blue Lodge No. 612, A. F. & A. M., at Terril, in which he has filled all the chairs. He has also taken the degree of the Royal Arch chapter and is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Both in business and social circles he stands high, and he is today recognized as one of the foremost citizens of Terril.

JOHN W. GEISSINGER.

Since 1881 John W. Geissinger has been a resident of Dickinson county and he bore an important part in its early development, especially along agricultural lines, owning and operating a fine farm in Westport township. At the present time, however, he is living retired in Milford, enjoying a well-earned rest. He was born on the 13th of December, 1835, in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, of which state his parents, John and Jane (Barrick) Geissinger, were also natives. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in Pennsylvania in 1886, and the mother passed away there in 1870.

In the Keystone state John W. Geissinger grew to manhood, his early life being devoted to the acquirement of an education and to assisting in the operation of the home farm. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-six years of age, giving his father the benefit of his services, and then commenced farming on his own account. In 1881 he came to Dickinson county, Iowa, and after operating rented land for several years purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Westport township. He improved and cultivated that tract until 1902, when he sold the place and retired. The following ten years were spent in Spencer but since that time he has made his home in Milford, where he owns a nice residence, and surrounded by all the comforts of life is spending his last days in ease, free from the cares of business life.

On the 13th of June, 1861, was celebrated the marriae of Mr. Geissinger and Miss Mary Boden, a daughter of Mathew and Margaret Boden, who were natives of Scotland. The father died in Ireland prior

to the emigration of the family to America, but the mother came to this country with her children and located in Lewisburg, Union county, Pennsylvania. She passed away in that state in 1900. To Mr. and Mrs. Geissinger have been born ten children, namely: Anna, now the wife of Henry Herrick, of Grimes, Iowa; Mattie, the wife of Frank Ewen, a farmer of Dickinson county; Ida, who died at the age of a year and a half; Irvin, a resident of California; Flora, a resident of Milford, and the widow of Reuben Donaldson, who was killed in an automobile accident; Margaret, the wife of A. W. Hall, of Canada; Alonzo, also a resident of Canada; Mary E., who died at the age of six months; Clara, who died in 1902 at the age of twenty-four years; and John D., a physician of Spirit Lake, Iowa.

The Republican party finds in Mr. Geissinger a stanch supporter of its principles and while a resident of Westport township served for six years as township assessor and was also a member of the school board. In religious faith he is a Methodist and has tried to conform his life to the principles of that church. During his long residence in Dickinson county he has made a host of warm friends and wherever known is held in the highest regard.

MILTON MAHAN KNAPP.

Milton Mahan Knapp, division freight agent at Estherville for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company, has a notable record of faithful and continuous railroad service, having never lost a day's salary during the last forty-four years. He was born August 6, 1851, near Larue, Marion county, Ohio, a son of Calvin Williams and Emily (Gilmer) Knapp. He is a representative of the eighth generation of the descendants of Nicholas Knapp, who emigrated from England to America in 1630 and settled in Watertown, Massachusetts, with Governor Winthrop's second installment of colonists to Massachusetts. Early records, covering the years 1279 and 1280, show the name to have been of Saxon origin.

Milton M. Knapp acquired a country school education and when a youth of seventeen years entered the telegraph office at Larue, Ohio, on the 19th of October, 1868. He was afterward employed in various localities as telegraph operator and station agent and on the 11th of August, 1873, he was appointed train dispatcher and superintendent of telegraph for the Davenport & St. Paul Railroad Company at Davenport, Iowa, in which position he remained until 1879, when the railroad was absorbed. He was next appointed agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul at Sabula, Iowa, and served as agent for the same railway at Davenport, Iowa, from 1882 until September 9, 1884, when he received the appointment of agent of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railway at Luverne, Minnesota. His next appointment, received on the

25th of August, 1885, made him traveling freight agent for the same road, and in 1886 he became traveling passenger agent. On the 1st of March, 1889, he was appointed chief clerk in the general freight office at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and on the 4th of January, 1891, was advanced to the position of general agent at Davenport, Iowa. On the 1st of September, 1893, he was appointed division freight agent, which position he still retains, with headquarters at Estherville. Forty-four years of continuous service without a day's loss of salary indicates a record that is indeed most commendable. His fidelity stands as an unquestioned fact in his career, as does his capability, for great corporations like the railroad companies do not retain incompetent men in their employ. Added duties and responsibilities have come to him with his various promotions and his powers have been found adequate to every task imposed upon him.

On the 20th of September, 1877, at Davenport, Iowa, Mr. Knapp was united in marriage to Miss Jessie C. Randall and they have a daughter, Mabel R., who was married August 17, 1905, to Alexander Johnston, of Estherville, by whom she has one child, Virginia Knapp Johnston, born November 26, 1912.

In his political views Mr. Knapp has always been a stalwart Republican, but not an office seeker. He belongs to North Star Lodge, No. 445, F. & A. M., of which he served one term as senior warden, and he was enrolled as the second charter member of Estherville Lodge, No. 528, B. P. O. E. He is today one of the best known representatives of railroad interests in the state with a record unsurpassed for faithful and loyal service.

O. C. OLSON.

O. C. Olson, who is actively connected with farming interests in High Lake township, Emmet county, his home being on section 15, owns and cultivates two hundred and seventy-five acres of rich and valuable land. He was born in Norway, March 8, 1866, and is a son of Colman and Carrie Olson. The mother died in the land of the midnight sun and the father afterward came to the United States but has now passed away. In their family were eight children, seven of whom are yet living.

O. C. Olson was a lad of twelve years when he accompanied his father to the United States and through much of the time until he attained his majority he was employed at farm labor. After reaching man's estate he was married in 1892 to Miss Tena Peterson, a native of Emmet county and a daughter of William and Carrie Peterson, who were also natives of Norway, but became pioneer residents of Emmet county and homesteaded in High Lake township. They lived for a time in a log cabin and met the usual hardships and privations incident to

settlement on the frontier. Both the father and mother are now deceased. Their family numbered eight children, of whom five are yet living. Mr. and Mrs. Olson became the parents of seven children, Clarence L., Blanche L., Lloyd P., Artie A., Myrtle A., Orlando I. and Norman R., but Artie A., the fourth in order of birth, is deceased.

Following his marriage Mr. Olson began farming on his own account on rented land, which he continued to lease for eight years, but during that period he carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase the farm where he now resides, situated on the south half of section 15, High Lake township. He owns altogether two hundred and seventy-five acres of rich and productive land, from which he annually gathers good crops. He is also a stockholder and one of the directors of the Farmers' elevator at Wallingford and his business interests have been so wisely and carefully conducted that he is now numbered among the substantial citizens of his part of the state.

Mr. Olson votes with the Republican party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He has served for the past eight years as township trustee and has also been township school director. Those who know him recognize him as a man of sterling worth, and in his business career he has so managed his interests and directed his efforts that he has won substantial success and his life history indicates what may be accomplished when there is the will to dare and to do.

WILLIAM LUSCOMBE, SR.

The farm in Armstrong Grove township belonging to William Luscombe, Sr., is in itself evidence of his progressiveness and enterprise, for it is one of the most highly developed places in Emmet county. He is largely concentrating his attention upon the raising of high grade stock and derives a gratifying income therefrom. A native of England, he was born in Devonshire in March, 1846, and is a son of John and Jane (Willing) Luscombe, also natives of that country. The father was a gamekeeper for a time but learned the shipbuilders' trade, which he followed in his native country until 1849, when with his family he crossed the Atlantic to America and located in Rockford, Illinois. That was long before the advent of the railroad in the west and he drove from Chicago to Rockford, the trip requiring several days. While on the way his wife died and added to his grief at her demise was the burden of financial worry, for when he arrived at Rockford he had only fifty cents in money. However, he succeeded in renting land, which he farmed. In order to add to his income he broke prairie and threshed for others, thus securing enough to support his family. After nine years' residence in that locality he removed to Carroll county, Illinois, where he rented land until 1865, in which year he arrived in Marshall county, Iowa. For three years he

WILLIAM LUSCOMBE, SR., AND FAMILY

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was largely employed in breaking prairie and then removed to Hardin county, where he bought land, upon which he made his home until his death in 1897.

William Luscombe, Sr., grew to manhood in Illinois and received his education in the public schools there, but at the age of eighteen, or in 1864, enlisted for service in the Union army, becoming a member of Company G. One Hundred and Forty-second Illinois Infantry, with which he served for nine months. He was mustered out at Chicago and returned home, remaining with his parents until he was twenty-five years old. He then rented land in Hardin county, Iowa, and for many years operated farms belonging to others. He also worked in the timber to some extent, getting out ties for the railroad. At length he purchased four hundred acres of land in Hardin county and also a farm in Franklin county which he operated until 1900. He then came to Emmet county, Iowa, and purchased his present farm, comprising two hundred and five acres on section 4, Armstrong Grove township. He realizes fully the value of up-to-date equipment and his barn is said to be one of the best in the entire state. He has been unusually successful in raising Poland China and Duroc Jersey hogs and shorthorn cattle and is considered an authority upon questions pertaining to stock breeding. He is also financially interested in the Farmers' Elevator at Armstrong and in the opera house building there.

On the 25th of February, 1871, Mr. Luscombe was married to Miss Catherine Glazier and they have eight children, Amy, Mary J. and Ann E., twins, Dorothy, William, Ida, James and John. Mr. Luscombe is a stalwart adherent of the democratic party and in religious faith is a Presbyterian. He takes justifiable pride in wearing the little bronze button which indicates him to be a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and through this organization he keeps in touch with others who fought the nation's battles at the time of the Civil war. Throughout his life he has discharged to the full all the obligations resting upon him and his many admirable qualities have gained him a high place in the regard of his fellows.

J. W. HAMMES.

J. W. Hammes, a well known citizen of Terril, was born on the 10th of October, 1856, in Germany, of which country his parents, Michael and Margaret Hammes, were also natives. The mother died in that country and in 1872 the father brought his family to the new world, locating in Keokuk county, Iowa, where his death occurred in 1879. He had ten children and of that number six are still living and all are residents of Iowa.

At the usual age J. W. Hammes began his education in the schools of Germany and there continued his studies until the emigration of the

family to America. In early life he learned the shoemaker's trade, which he has since followed. He resided in Keokuk county, Iowa, until 1902, when he removed to Mills county, this state, remaining there until 1911. The following two years were spent in Franklin county and at the end of that time he came to Dickinson county, having since engaged in business at Terril, where he conducts a repair shop and also deals in shoes and men's furnishings. Besides his town property he owns three hundred and eighteen acres of land on section 17, Lloyd township, which is well improved and under good cultivation.

Mr. Hammes was married in 1878 to Miss Mary Weber, a native of Iowa, by whom he has five children: Frank, who is now engaged in the shoe business in Portsmouth, Iowa; John; Clara, the wife of Charles Higgins; Helen, who is teaching school in Terril; and Leonard, who is attending college at Grinnell, Iowa.

In politics Mr. Hammes is a Democrat, but he has never cared for official honors, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests. He started out in life for himself empty handed and the success that has come to him is due entirely to his industry, enterprise and sound judgment in the management of his affairs.

PETER CONLIN.

Peter Conlin followed agricultural pursuits throughout his active life and his well directed labors yielded him a good financial return. His last days were spent in honorable retirement from business cares in Armstrong, where he passed away September 4, 1916. He was born in Massachusetts on the 20th of March, 1845, and is a son of James and Anna (Gallagher) Conlin, who emigrated to this country from Ireland in an early day and located in Massachusetts. The father farmed there until the removal of the family to Wisconsin, where he became a landowner. He passed away in 1886 at the advanced age of eighty-four years, and the mother died in 1858.

Peter Conlin spent his boyhood and youth in Wisconsin and received his education in the public schools of that state. When not quite seventeen years of age he was employed in hauling provisions for the Union army and was at the front for about three years. He was taken captive and because of the terrible conditions of prison life became so emaciated that he was little more than a skeleton when he returned to his home in Wisconsin. As soon as he had sufficiently recovered his strength he went to work as a farm hand and so continued until 1871, when he came to Emmet county, Iowa, and took up a homestead in Armstrong Grove township. He brought that place to a high state of cultivation and made many improvements thereon. For thirty-three years his time and energy were taken up with the operation of his farm, and his good management and thrift enabled him to accumulate a competence. At length he retired

and took up his residence in Armstrong, where he died September 4, 1916, at the age of seventy-one years and five months.

On the 4th of December, 1869, Mr. Conlin was married to Miss Delia Harrity, a daughter of John and Bridget (Thornton) Harrity, who were natives of Ireland but emigrated to America, locating near Cleveland, Ohio. The father was for a time foreman on a large farm there, but later the family removed to Wisconsin and he purchased land, which he cultivated until his death. To Mr. and Mrs. Conlin were born five children: Anna, who died April 24, 1906; Mary and John, twins; James, and Patrick, who is a resident of Emmetsburg.

Mr. Conlin was a Democrat in politics but was without ambition to hold office, being content to discharge his duties as a citizen in a private capacity. However, he was chosen by popular suffrage trustee of his township. In religious faith he was a Catholic. The patriotism which prompted him to give his services to the Union at the time of the Ci War characterized him throughout life and he always placed the general welfare above his personal interests.

PETER S. ANDERSON.

Peter S. Anderson, who is engaged in general farming on section 15, Twelve Mile Lake township, is one of Norway's contributions to the citizenship of Emmet county. He was born in the land of the midnight sun January 9, 1864, a son of Ole and Haldis Anderson, the former a carpenter by trade. Leaving their native country, they came to America in 1871 and established their home in Emmet county, where the father secured a homestead claim in High Lake township. For almost two decades he engaged in farming upon that place, remaining there until 1890, when he retired to Wallingford to enjoy a rest which he had richly earned and justly merits. In the family were five children.

Peter S. Anderson was a little lad of but seven years when the family came across the Atlantic to the United States and upon the home farm he was reared, with the usual experiences of the farm-bred boy who divides his time between the work of the fields and the acquirement of a district school education. He continued to work for his father until 1890 and when his father removed to Wallingford, Peter S. Anderson purchased a farm comprising the northeast quarter of section 15, Twelve Mile Lake township. He now gives his entire attention to the further development and improvement of this property and has brought his fields to a high state of cultivation, so that he annually gathers good harvests.

Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Christie Herum, a daughter of Peter and Bertha (Talle) Herum, of High Lake township. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have a family of six children: Hilda, who is teaching in the schools of Wallingford; Chester, at home; Alvin, who is attending Jewell Lutheran College at Jewell, Iowa; Harold, a high school

pupil in Estherville; and Pearl and Theodore, who are attending the district schools.

The parents are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and Mr. Anderson gives his political support to the Republican party, of which he has been a stalwart advocate since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He represents one of the old-time families of the county, having for forty-six years resided within its borders, so that his memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. He was acquainted with pioneer conditions here and he has lived to witness a remarkable change as the labors of man have claimed the region for the purposes of civilization, converting the once wild prairie into rich and productive farms, dotted here and there with thriving towns and villages. The spirit of enterprise has ever been a strong force here and Mr. Anderson has displayed that same spirit in the conduct of his private business affairs. He has served as school treasurer for the past eight years, has also been township trustee and is a director of the Farmers' Bank of Wallingford.

SILAS G. PALMER.

Silas G. Palmer, a real estate dealer and one of the leading citizens of Lake Park, claims Iowa as his native state, for he was born in Waterloo, June 18, 1856, and is a son of John and Louisa (Jeffrey) Palmer, both natives of Devonshire, England. When the former was a young man and the latter a young woman they started for Canada on the same vessel and, becoming well acquainted during the several weeks' voyage, were married soon after landing in Quebec in 1853. A year later they came to the United States and after spending some time in Chicago proceeded to Waterloo, Iowa, driving across the country in a democrat wagon drawn by one horse, and arriving in May, 1856. They brought with them a stove and a few small household utensils and had a cash capital of two hundred dollars when they reached Waterloo. The father purchased land near that city and began farming. He also quarried rock out of the river and in that way contracted chills and fever, which prevented him from working all of the time and he lost the tract of eighty acres which he had bought. Later he removed to Butler county, Iowa, where he purchased government land at one dollar and a quarter per acre, and lived thereon for five years, raising wheat, which he hauled forty miles to Cedar Falls and Waterloo and then sold for thirty cents a bushel. He later sold this land for ninety cents an acre. He returned to Black Hawk county and again bought land there, on which he lived up to the time of his death, May 10, 1901. His widow still survives him and is now living with her daughter in Eagle Grove, Iowa.

Silas G. Palmer obtained a limited education in the common schools of this state, but his early training was largely acquired between the

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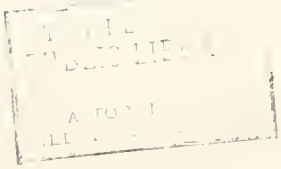


handles of a plow. He remained at home, assisting in the labors of the farm, up to his twenty-second year and then started out in life for himself, working as a farm hand for six months. For two summers he herded cattle and attended school during the winter months. During the following two years he engaged in farming for himself and in 1880 embarked in the livery and drayage business in Dows, Iowa, at the same time selling agricultural implements. He successfully carried on operations there for twelve years and then accepted a position on the road for Warder, Bushnell, Glessner & Company, manufacturers of harvesting machinery, his territory covering Iowa and Minnesota. On the 24th of November, 1894, Mr. Palmer became a resident of Lake Park, establishing himself in the real estate, loan and insurance business, which he has since carried on with marked success. During the intervening years he has acquired extensive farm lands in Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, North and South Dakota, and is today one of the most prosperous citizens of his community. Besides his other interests he is a stockholder in the Lake Park State Bank.

In October, 1881, Mr. Palmer married Miss Minnie C. Clow, of Wright county, Iowa, and to them were born three children, two of whom survive, namely: Bessie, now the wife of J. B. Elstun, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Susie G., the wife of Elmo L. Bush, of Dickinson county, Iowa. The wife and mother passed away on the 10th of March, 1891. Mr. Palmer was subsequently united in marriage to Minnie M. King, of Lake Park, by whom he has two children, Silas K. and Floyd G. By a previous marriage Mrs. Palmer has a daughter, Goldie Fern, the wife of L. D. Bush, of Russell, Minnesota.

Mr. Palmer gives his political support to the republican party and for several years served as a member of the town council of Lake Park. He was also mayor for four years and gave to the town a businesslike and public-spirited administration. He is a member of Silver Pearl Lodge, No. 211, K. P., of Lake Park, and is widely recognized as one of the foremost citizens of the place, standing prominent in business affairs and always ready to advance any public measure for the good of the community. He is a far-sighted, energetic business man and usually carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

CARL E. GILL.

Carl E. Gill, of the firm of Gill & Company, druggists of Terril, was born in Hennepin, Minnesota, April 12, 1881, and is a son of Charles J. and Anna L. (Kingsley) Gill, natives of Illinois and Vermont, respectively. They became residents of Iowa, where the father died, but the mother is still living, and four of their five children also survive.

Carl E. Gill was practically reared in Pocahontas county, Iowa, where he attended both the common and high schools, and having decided

to become a druggist he took up the study of pharmacy. He passed the required examination and received his license in 1902, after which he and his brother William embarked in the drug business at Terril under the name of Gill & Company. They have one of the leading stores of the kind in the county and have secured a good patronage.

In 1908 occurred the marriage of Carl E. Gill and Miss Maud Smith, who was born in Hardin county, Iowa, and is a daughter of Jason B. and Rebecca Smith, both now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Gill have been born two children: Merwyn C., and Eugene W., who died when six months old.

Mr. Gill affiliates with the Republican party and is a representative of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Blue Lodge, No. 612, A. F. & A. M., and to Chapter No. 132, R. A. M. He has held office in that order and is also a member of the Yeomen. In business affairs he has steadily prospered since starting out in life for himself and besides the interest in the drug store he owns a good residence in Terril and he and his brother own a fine farm in Minnesota, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres. He is one of the foremost citizens of his town and wherever known is held in high regard.

LARS PETER LARSEN.

Lars Peter Larsen is devoting his time to farming and has never had occasion to regret his choice of an occupation, for he has won a gratifying measure of success. He was born in Denmark, June 5, 1872, a son of Nels and Maren Larsen, who are still living in that country, where the father is a small farmer. Of their six children, five daughters and one son, Lars Peter Larsen, was the only one to come to the United States. After completing the course offered in the district schools he attended what corresponds to the American high school from the age of sixteen to eighteen, and when nineteen years old came alone to America. For about a year he managed a creamery in Freeborn county, Minnesota, and then purchased eighty acres of land in Wharton county, Texas, where he remained for a year. He then rented his farm and removing to Ringsted, Iowa, was employed for seven years as a brick and stone mason. He next rented a farm just across the line in Kossuth county for three years, after which he bought the west half of the northeast quarter of section 15, Denmark township, which he has since cultivated. He raises both grain and stock and has been very successful in the management of his interests.

On the 28th of February, 1905, Mr. Larsen was married to Miss Anna Larson, a daughter of Andrew Larson, of Ringsted. To this union have been born six children, Nels, Signe, Thyra, Dagmar, Andrew and Erling.

Mr. Larsen votes for the man rather than the party and is an intel-

ligent student of the issues of the day. He belongs to the Yeomen and the Danish Brotherhood of Ringsted and is a communicant of St. John's Danish Lutheran church. He has thoroughly identified himself with his adopted country and is American in spirit as well as in name.

AUGUST SINDT.

Forceful and resourceful in all that he undertakes, accomplishing a given purpose through the energy and determination that will brook no obstacles that honest effort can overcome, August Sindt is now contributing in substantial measure to the material development of Lake Park and Dickinson county. He is today widely known as the president of the Lake Park State Bank and also as a grain and coal merchant. He was born in Walcott, Scott county, Iowa, on the 4th of December, 1873, is a son of Henry H. and Catherine (Horst) Sindt and is descended from an old family of Holstein, Germany. His grandfather, Thies Sindt, came from that country in 1848 on a sailing vessel which dropped anchor in the harbor of New Orleans, whence he proceeded up the Mississippi river to Davenport. He is a tinner by trade but has devoted much of his life to agricultural pursuits and is still living at the very venerable age of ninety-one years. His son, H. H. Sindt, father of August Sindt, was born in Scott county, Iowa, and after reaching man's estate was identified with the hotel business in Davenport for many years, but in 1873 removed to Walcott, where he again became proprietor of a hotel and also engaged in the grain trade. He was born in the year 1850 and spent his entire life in his native county, for although in 1884 he purchased land near Lake Park, Dickinson county, he never located thereon, his death occurring in Walcott in 1898.

August Sindt, who was one of a family of four children, spent his youthful days under the parental roof, enjoying the advantages usually offered to lads of that locality and period. In the pursuit of his education he attended the Walcott public school and the Davenport Business College, following which he occupied a position in the office of clerk of the courts of Scott county. On the 10th of January, 1896, he removed to Lake Park and entered the office of H. H. Sindt & Company, grain buyers, the business having been established by his father, H. H. Sindt, together with Theodore Sindt and Louis Stollenburg, in 1885. In 1899 the Theodore Sindt Grain Company, Incorporated, was organized and took over the business of H. H. Sindt & Company at Lake Park, at which time August Sindt of this review became assistant manager of the business. In 1903 Mr. Stollenburg retired and Mr. Sindt was made secretary, treasurer and general manager, in which connection he has since been actively and prominently connected with the grain trade. The company shipped the first carload of barley ever sent out from northwestern Iowa. Their business furnishes an excellent market for the

grain producers in this fertile farming region and their annual purchases and sales are extensive. They also engage extensively in shipping hogs and have a large coal trade. Mr. Sindt likewise deals in real estate, has owned some valuable property and has erected some of the substantial buildings of Lake Park. His holdings of Minnesota and Iowa farm lands are extensive. In 1909 he purchased stock in the Lake Park State Bank and in 1911 was elected president of the institution, in which important capacity he has since served. He is a man of constructive ability, an organizer and builder, and has been the moving force in various plans and projects which have led to the further development and upbuilding of the little city of Lake Park.

In 1897 Mr. Sindt was united in marriage to Miss Clara Weise, of Walcott, Iowa, by whom he has six children, as follows: Waldemar H., who is a freshman in the State Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa; Herbert P., a high school student at Lake Park; Irma A. and Arthur A., who attend the graded schools; Elsa C., and August T.

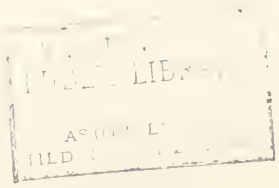
The hospitality of the Sindt home is one of its most attractive features and the friends of the family, and they are many, are always assured of a cordial welcome. Mr. Sindt is an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Silver Lake Lodge, No. 527, F. & A. M., of which he was secretary for several years. His political support is given to the Democratic party and he is the present city treasurer of Lake Park, which position he has continuously filled for twelve years, a fact indicative of his thorough ability and fidelity. In matters of citizenship he is never remiss. He stands for those things which are effective factors in public progress and which are matters of civic virtue and of civic pride. In business, too, he has held to the highest standards, never building his success upon others' failures, but at all times using constructive methods which have made his interests a feature in public development as well as a source of private success.

HORACE I. SPEAR.

Horace I. Spear, engaged in general farming in High Lake township, Emmet county, his place being situated on section 9, is numbered among the native sons of the state, his birth having occurred in Dallas county, Iowa, March 17, 1877. His parents, John and Mary M. (Blackman) Spear, were natives of Ohio and Indiana, respectively, and are well-known farming people of Dallas county, where they yet reside. In their family were seven children, Lillian May, Edward O., Roscoe R., Horace I., Darius, Ethel and Floyd, four of whom are residents of Dallas county. Roscoe R. is living in Los Angeles, California, and Darius makes his home in Oregon.

The youthful experiences of Horace I. Spear were those of the farm-bred boy. He assisted in the work of the fields until he attained his majority and in the meantime had acquired a common school education.

HORACE I. SPEAR AND FAMILY



For a time he engaged in cultivating land which he rented from his father and others and in 1911 he removed from Dallas to Emmet county and made investment in one hundred and sixty acres of land, constituting the southeast quarter of section 9, High Lake township. Through the intervening period of six years he has continuously and successfully cultivated his fields, bringing the farm to a high state of development and adding to it various modern improvements which indicate his practical and progressive spirit.

On the 7th of November, 1906, Mr. Spear was married to Miss Katherine Wacht, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Wacht, natives, respectively, of Germany and of New York. The father is a prominent farmer residing in Dallas county but the mother died when her daughter Katherine was but five years of age and was laid to rest in Booneville cemetery. There were six children, all of whom are living in Dallas county, Frances, Nicholas, John, Henry, Mrs. Spear and Harmon. Mr. and Mrs. Spear have become the parents of six children, namely, Nicholas, Paul, Thelma Ruth, Katherine, Dorothy and William.

The religious faith of the faimly is that of the Catholic church and they are communicants of the church at Graettinger. Mr. Spear votes with the republican party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has never been an aspirant for office, preferring always to give his undivided attention to his agricultural pursuits, which are now bringing to him deserved success.

CHARLES H. HIGINBOTHAM.

Charles H. Higinbotham, who is engaged in general merchandising at Gruver, was born in Winnebago county, Iowa, April 26, 1870. His parents, William and Rachel (Miller) Higinbotham, are natives of Ohio and Virginia, respectively. About the year 1860 they took up their abode in Iowa and are still residents of Winnebago county. They had a family of eight children, of whom six are yet living.

Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, Charles H. Higinbotham was educated in the common schools of Winnebago county and in the high school at Forest City. He continued upon the home farm until he attained his majority, when, thinking to find other pursuits more congenial, he turned his attention to commercial interests by securing a clerkship in a store, in which he was employed for a year. Later he was connected with a grain elevator for six years or until 1899, when he built an elevator in Gruver, which he conducted for a short time. He then sold out and established his present general merchandise store, which he has since conducted. He carries a substantial and attractive line of goods and finds a ready sale therefor, owing to his reliable business methods, his reasonable prices and his earnest desire to please his patrons. He owns the store building which he occupies.

In 1893 Mr. Higinbotham was united in marriage to Miss Grace Lawrence, a native of Kansas and a daughter of Lester L. and Irene (Kays) Lawrence. Her mother is now deceased, while the father resides in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Higinbotham have become the parents of two children, William L. and Lawrence.

Mr. Higinbotham is a well known and representative member of the Odd Fellows' Lodge No. 69, also of the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America, and in the local organizations has filled various chairs. He votes with the Republican party and his fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth and ability, have frequently called upon him to fill public offices, so that he has served as justice of the peace, as town clerk and as a member of the school board. His wife belongs to the Presbyterian church, and both are highly esteemed in the community where they make their home, their many substantial characteristics winning for them the high and favorable regard of all who know them.

HARVEY E. CLARK.

Harvey E. Clark, a well known representative of farming interests in Center township, Emmet county, resides on section 5, where a well-improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres pays tribute to the care and labor which he bestows upon it. Indiana claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Putnam county, May 6, 1862, his parents being Alexander C. and Nancy (Bly) Clark, natives of the Hoosier state, who in 1864 removed to Dallas county, Iowa, where they settled upon a farm. Both are still living. To them were born fourteen children, eight of whom survive.

Harvey E. Clark was but two years of age at the time of the removal to Dallas county, so that the period of his youth was largely passed there and to the public school system he is indebted for his educational opportunities. His farm training was received under his father's direction and he continued to assist in the development of the old homestead until he reached the age of twenty-five years, when, desirous of engaging in farming on his own account, he bought land in Dallas county which he continued to cultivate until 1911, when he sold that property and invested in six hundred acres in Center township, Emmet county, constituting his present home property. This is well improved and his attention is systematically given to the work of the farm and results in the harvesting of good crops annually.

In 1887 occurred the marriage of Harvey E. Clark and Miss Deborah C. Mills, a native of Dallas county, Iowa, and a daughter of Jeremiah and Nancy (Etchison) Mills, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have become the parents of six children, but lost their firstborn, Bertha. The

others are: Earl C., Ivol W., Esther P., now Mrs. T. O. Marriott; Everett A., and Dean A.

The parents are consistent members of the Christian church and Mr. Clark gives his political allegiance to the Democratic party. He is now serving as chairman of the board of trustees in his township and is ever loyal in his support of all plans and projects tending to promote the public welfare. His has been an active and well spent life and his labors have found their legitimate reward in substantial success.

A. D. TAYLOR.

A. D. Taylor, engaged in general farming on section 28, Jack Creek township, Emmet county, was born near Columbus, Ohio, on the 26th of July, 1867, a son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Mitchell) Taylor, who were also natives of the Buckeye state, where they spent their entire lives, the father devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits.

A. D. Taylor is indebted to the common school system of Ohio for the educational privileges which he enjoyed and on putting aside his text-books at the age of nineteen he started out to earn his own living and made his way to Iowa, settling first in Marshall county, where he was employed as a farm hand. He worked there for two years and in 1888 bought his first land, becoming the owner of eighty acres in Jasper county. Three years later he sold that property and invested in one hundred and sixty acres in Marshall county. In subsequent years he bought and sold various farms and he has probably made more money on his farm investments than he has in the tilling of the soil. He displays sound judgment concerning the value of property and his purchases are therefore judiciously made, while his sales bring to him a substantial profit. In 1909 he removed from Tama county to Emmet county, where he has since lived, and here he acquired four hundred acres of valuable land but in 1916 sold eighty acres, making his present possessions three hundred and twenty acres in Emmet county, constituting one of its valuable and highly improved farms. He also owns four hundred and eight acres in Morton county, North Dakota. For several years he has been extensively engaged in feeding stock, especially sheep, but in 1916 concentrated his efforts more largely upon the feeding of cattle. His business affairs are most carefully and wisely managed and his success is the legitimate outcome of his persistent, earnest efforts.

In 1888 Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Leretta Jones, a daughter of Hugh Jones, one of the earliest pioneers of Marshall county, where he located in the '50s on coming to the new world from Wales. He is still residing there in his ninety-first year. To Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have been born six children, Hugh, Earl and Effie, twins, Glenn, Nellie and Mae, all at home.

In his political views Mr. Taylor is a republican but while he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is interested in all that

pertains to public progress, he has never been an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his time and energies upon his business affairs and the result of his close application, indefatigable effort and keen insight is seen in the splendid success which is today his.

JOHN C. IRWIN.

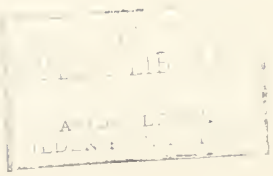
John C. Irwin, now living retired, is an honored veteran of the Civil war and one whose loyalty in citizenship has never been called into question. He has always stood for progressiveness and improvement in public affairs as well as in private life. He was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, September 23, 1837, and is a son of Luke and Mary (Adams) Irwin, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state. In 1851 they arrived in Jackson county, Iowa, and settled on a farm, there spending the remainder of their days. In their family were eleven children but only two are now living.

John C. Irwin was a youth of fourteen years when the removal was made to this state and his early education, begun in Pennsylvania, was supplemented by further study in Jackson county. He assisted his father in the work of the fields through the period of his boyhood and youth, remaining at home until he attained his majority, and he became familiar with all of the experiences and hardships of this district when it was a frontier settlement. After attaining adult age he engaged in breaking prairie with five yoke of oxen for three years and spent two years in Missouri previous to his beginning farming in Iowa. With the outbreak of the Civil war his patriotic spirit was aroused and in response to the country's call for troops he enlisted in 1861 as a member of Company D, Ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, serving with the rank of sergeant. He remained with his command for three years and participated in the siege of Vicksburg, the battle of Missionary Ridge and in the campaign from Atlanta to the sea. He was mustered out in Georgia and returned to his home with a most creditable military record, for he had never faltered in the performance of any duty assigned him, whether called to the firing line or stationed on the lonely picket line. His loyalty and valor were unquestioned and his course was indeed commendable.

When the country no longer needed his aid Mr. Irwin took up his abode in Benton county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm which he developed and improved for eighteen years, transforming it into a very productive tract. He afterward removed to Cherokee county, Iowa, where he resided until 1901 and then came to Emmet county, settling in Estherville, where he has since lived retired. He was an active and progressive agriculturist through many years of his life and his well directed industry and thrift brought him a substantial measure of success.

On February 22, 1865, Mr. Irwin was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Beller, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Robert and Rachel

JOHN C. IRWIN



(Davis) Beller, who removed to Peoria county, Illinois, and afterward became residents of Benton county, Iowa. There the mother passed away, while the father's death afterward occurred in Ponca, Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin had seven children. L. W., the eldest, is now a resident of Independence, Iowa. Minnie E. is the wife of C. E. Person, of Estherville, Iowa. Perry C. is engaged in farming in Emmet county. Estella has departed this life. J. Albert is living in Emmet county. Wiley C. is also deceased. Olive R. is the wife of Roy A. Burt, who was born in Emmet county, July 17, 1882, a son of Peter H. and Anna (Davis) Burt. He was reared and educated in Emmet county and pursued a course in dairying at the Agricultural College at Ames, being graduated in 1902. He afterward worked as butter maker in a creamery for ten years and in March, 1911, came to Estherville, where he established a feed and seed store. In 1914 he sold a half interest to F. M. Jones and business has since been conducted under the name of the Burt & Jones feed and seed store. They also handle coal. It was in 1906 that Mr. Burt wedded Miss Olive Irwin and they have become parents of a daughter, Eloise Ruth, born June 20, 1914. Mrs. Amanda Irwin passed away in 1905 and was laid to rest in the East cemetery at Estherville, Iowa. She had many admirable traits of character worthy of all praise and her death was deeply regretted by many friends as well as by her immediate family.

Mr. Irwin holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and guides his life according to its teachings. He belongs to the Grand Army post of Estherville and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. His political support has always been given to the republican party since he cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, and in days of peace he has been as true and loyal to his country as when he followed the old flag on the battlefields of the south.

BATY K. BRADFIELD.

Baty K. Bradfield, who is now so efficiently serving as sheriff of Dickinson county and is also engaged in the real estate and live stock business in Spirit Lake, was born in Hardin county, Iowa, on the 4th of April, 1876, and is a son of Charles N. and Alwilda (Darling) Bradfield, natives of Ohio. They continued to reside in the Buckeye state until after their marriage and later became pioneer settlers of Hardin county, Iowa, where the father engaged in farming. From there he removed to Winnebago county and subsequently to Wright county, this state, where he served as sheriff for three terms, but is now living retired in Dickinson county.

In the public schools of Wright county Baty K. Bradfield began his education and the knowledge there acquired was later supplemented by a high school course at Clarion, Iowa. On starting out in life for himself he engaged in farming near Buffalo Center, Winnebago county, but in 1901 came to Dickinson county and located on a farm in Excelsior township,

where he followed farming and also engaged in the live stock business until elected sheriff in 1912. So acceptably did he fill the office that he was re-elected in 1914 and again in 1916, being the present incumbent. He has proved a broad-minded and capable official in every respect and well merits the confidence reposed in him.

At Clarion, Wright county, March 9, 1898, occurred the marriage of Mr. Bradfield and Miss Josephine Rowen, who is a native of that county and a daughter of Rev. John M. and Mary Jane Rowen. Her father was a minister of the United Brethren church and a man prominent in public affairs, serving as state senator in Iowa and as United States consul to the Falkland islands. After a useful and well spent life he passed away in Wright county in 1914. Mrs. Rowen now lives on the old homestead near Rowan, Wright county. To Mr. and Mrs. Bradfield have been born three children: Marguerite Rowena, born in Winnebago county; and Herbert Charles and Winnefred, both born in Dickinson county. The last named is now deceased.

In politics Mr. Bradfield is a stalwart republican, exerting considerable influence in local politics, and in religious belief both he and his wife are Presbyterians. He is a member of Silver Lake Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and of the Eastern Star Chapter, to which Mrs. Bradfield also belongs, and he is connected with the Elks Lodge at Estherville and the Modern Woodmen of America.

FRED J. WHITE.

Fred J. White is president of the Northern Lumber Company, with general offices in Estherville. This is one of the important business concerns of northwestern Iowa, owning a chain of yards in the northern part of the state. He was born in Grand Island, Nebraska, September 3, 1874. His father, Jay E. White, is a native of Michigan and has devoted his attention to the insurance and real estate business. He married Eliza Watts, a native of England, and they became residents of Grand Island, Nebraska, and subsequently of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Fred J. White attended the public schools of his native city to the age of fourteen years and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Lincoln, where he became connected with his father in business, that association being maintained from 1892 until 1902. In the latter year he came to Emmet county to enter upon the duties of treasurer of the Northern Lumber Company, with general offices in Estherville. He continued to fill that position until 1914, when he was elected to the presidency and so continues. This company owns a number of lumberyards in northern Iowa and is constantly extending its trade relations. The other officers of the company are: M. P. Chumlea, vice president; G. A. Lyon, secretary; and J. E. Howard, treasurer. Their business constitutes one of the most important commercial concerns of this section of the state, supplying

the trade in large measure, its annual sales now reaching an extensive figure.

In 1901 occurred the marriage of Mr. White and Miss Susan Spalding, a daughter of James D. and Sarah Spalding, of Sioux City, Iowa. They have become parents of three children: James, Susan and Mary, all at home. Mr. and Mrs. White hold membership in the Episcopal church. His political allegiance is given the republican party but he never seeks the honors nor emoluments of office as a return for party fealty, preferring to concentrate his undivided attention upon his business affairs.

PETER BROWN.

Peter Brown, one of the substantial and highly esteemed citizens of Terril, was born on the 22d of March, 1861, in Germany, of which country his parents, Peter and Kathrine Brown, were life-long residents, their home being in northern Germany. In their family were four children, one of whom is now deceased. In his native land Peter Brown, Jr., grew to manhood and was given good educational advantages.

On attaining his majority Mr. Brown emigrated to the United States, becoming a resident of Pocahontas county, Iowa, in 1882, and there he worked as a farm hand for three years. He was not only in limited circumstances on coming to this country but also owed his sister fifty dollars for his passage. As fast as he could save a few dollars he invested the money in cattle, which he let out to farmers on shares for one-half the increase. At length he was able to purchase a team and for one year he rented a farm in Pocahontas county, on which he put all his stock. He sold out, however, at the end of that time and his proceeds amounted to seven hundred dollars. During the following year he worked for the Northwestern Railroad and one year later resumed farming, purchasing at that time eighty acres of land in Pocahontas county, on which he spent nine years. In 1900 he disposed of his property in that county and came to Dickinson county, where he has since made his home. For a year and a half he conducted a drug store in Terril and later engaged in the stock business, which he found quite profitable, but is now practically living retired, looking after his invested interests. Mr. Brown purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 28, Lakeville township, which he still owns, and also bought twenty-four and a half acres and fourteen town lots in Terril.

In 1902 Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Emma Wolle, who was born in Will county, Illinois. Her parents, Christ and Kathrine Wolle, were natives of Germany and on coming to this country in 1868 first located in Illinois but afterward came to Iowa, where Mr. Wolle died. His widow is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have three children: Minnie K., born September 6, 1904; Clarence P., born June 24, 1906; and Mabel L., born September 15, 1907.

In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Brown are Lutherans and in politics he is a republican. He takes an active interest in public affairs and has been called upon to serve as mayor of Terril for one term. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank and is a man of recognized business ability whose success in life has come to him as the result of his own industry, enterprise and good judgment. His public and private life are alike above reproach and he stands high in the esteem of his fellow citizens.

GEORGE HERRICK, SR.

George Herrick, Sr., who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits on section 24, Swan Lake township, was born in Sturton, Lincolnshire, England, on the 20th of May, 1849, and is a son of John and Ann (Wheatcroft) Herrick, who continued to make their home in England throughout life, the father being engaged in farming. Our subject attended the common schools of his native land, but his educational privileges were limited. Although he left school at the age of eleven years he has always been a reader and a student, and is today a well informed man.

In 1871 Mr. Herrick sailed for the new world and landed in Quebec, Canada, whence he made his way to Chicago and from there came direct to Iowa. He crossed the Mississippi river at Burlington on the 8th of July, 1871, and although his ticket was to Ottumwa he stopped over at Mt. Pleasant to visit relatives. His wife accompanied him, and on their arrival at Mt. Pleasant they found that their capital consisted of only ten dollars and it was necessary for Mr. Herrick to go to work. He secured a position as a farm hand and his wife assisted in the housework, thus paying for her board. He received twenty dollars a month for his services and remained with his employer until the close of corn picking, when he and his wife went to live in a log cabin on the farm where he had worked and where he was still employed at doing odd jobs until the following spring. On moving to Mt. Pleasant he secured a position in a nursery where he remained for four or five years, and after the death of his employer he was with his successor. He had charge of selling the nursery stock and also farmed the surplus land. The farm was finally sold and the business discontinued. Mr. Herrick then removed to Fillmore county, Nebraska, where he rented a farm on the cash basis and engaged in agricultural pursuits on his own account. His wheat crop was poor, however, and only sold for forty cents a bushel and the grasshoppers ate his corn. In the fall he returned to Iowa. He had paid one hundred dollars for a freight car to move his goods to Nebraska, but the return trip was made by horse and wagon. Mr. Herrick located at Grand Junction, Iowa, where he ran a dray line for two or three years, and then resumed agricultural pursuits, purchasing a small farm which he operated until 1891. Since that time he has been a resident of Emmet

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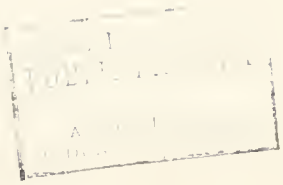

county and has lived on his present farm in Swan Lake township. He is a progressive and up-to-date farmer and since locating here has met with good success in his labors.

Before leaving England Mr. Herrick was married in 1871 to Miss Elizabeth Chamberlain, by whom he has had six children, two sons and four daughters, namely: Anna, who is now the wife of E. P. Myers, of Spencer, Iowa, and has three children, Bethel, Mildred and Donald; Carrie, the widow of J. M. Taylor, of Iowa Falls, who was accidentally killed December 16, 1916; Grace, who is the wife of L. R. Taylor, of Armstrong, Iowa, and has three children, Leora, Dorothy and Beryl; Lilly M., the wife of John S. Dininger, who is now operating Mr. Herrick's farm; George, Jr., a resident of Denison, Iowa; and Ira D., who is living in Maple Hill, Emmet county, is married and has four children, Earl, Walter, Thelma and Lura.

Mr. Herrick casts his ballot for the men and measures of the republican party and has most acceptably served as justice of the peace for ten years and as township trustee and road supervisor for several terms. He is a member of Armstrong Lodge No. 635, I. O. O. F. of which he was one of the organizers and both he and his wife hold membership in the Baptist church. He is one of the most influential citizens in his community and has a host of warm friends in Emmet county.

CHRIS KESSEY.

Chris Kessey, a retired blacksmith living in Milford, was born in Norway in April, 1846, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Gestwang) Kessey, who spent their entire lives in that country. The father died in 1852 and the mother's death occurred in 1872. In their family were twelve children, eleven sons and one daughter. Chris Kessey was reared and educated in his native land, and in 1867 he and his brother Isaac, now county treasurer of Winnebago county, Iowa, came to the new world. Locating in Winneshiek county, Iowa, he there found employment as a farm hand but followed that occupation only a short time. He then learned the blacksmith's trade in Decorah, where he spent one year, and continued working at his trade in Plymouth Rock, Winneshiek county, for three years. In 1871 he came to Milford, Dickinson county, and worked in the shop of his father-in-law until the latter's death, when he bought out the business and erected a new building, where he continued to engage in blacksmithing until his retirement from active life in September, 1914. He then sold the shop. He is the owner of a nice residence and eight acres of land in Milford and also fifty acres adjoining the town.

On the 10th of February, 1869, Mr. Kessey was united in marriage to Miss Emma Zink, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Grayborne) Zink, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of England. On coming to Iowa, Mr. Zink located in Plymouth Rock, Winneshiek county, where

he engaged in blacksmithing until 1871, when he removed to Milford at the time Mr. Kessey also settled there, but the former was not long permitted to enjoy his new home for he passed away the same year, being accidently killed. Mrs. Zink long survived him, dying December 8, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Kessey have two children: Henry Curtis, now a resident of Victor, Colorado; and Orville B., who is conducting a bank at Springfield, Oregon.

Politically, Mr. Kessey affiliates with the republican party, and he has served as trustee and treasurer of Milford township, Dickinson county. In religious faith he is a Congregationalist. During his early life he worked untiringly until prosperity crowned his efforts and he is justly entitled to the rest he is now enjoying. He is one of the representative citizens of his community and is held in high regard by all who know him.

NIELS CHRIS NIELSEN.

Niels Chris Nielsen, a retired farmer residing in Ringsted, was born in Denmark on the 28th of October, 1855, of the marriage of Niels and Johanna (Christensen) Nielsen. The father passed away in that country in 1857 and in 1871 the mother came to the United States and spent the remainder of her life here, dying in Parkersburg, Iowa.

Niels C. Nielsen was reared and educated in Denmark but his opportunities for schooling were very meager as when seven years of age he had to begin earning his own living, his father having died when he was but two years old. In 1874, when nineteen years old, he came to America and for three years worked on farms near Parkersburg, Iowa. During that period he carefully saved his money and at length was able to rent a farm, which he operated for two years. The following summer he was again employed as a farm hand but in the autumn he went to Cedar Falls, Iowa, where he was connected with a flour mill for three years. The next seventeen years were devoted to the operation of rented land, but in 1900 he came to Emmet county, Iowa, and took up his residence upon a farm belonging to his wife. There he successfully engaged in farming and stock raising until 1912, when, having accumulated a competence, he retired from active life and built a comfortable residence in Ringsted, where he has since lived. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company at Ringsted and also in the opera house here.

On the 4th of March, 1881, Mr. Nielsen was united in marriage to Miss Christina Oster, who passed away in 1898. She was the mother of five children, namely: Andrew, who is the proprietor of a hotel in Ringsted; Mary, the wife of John Timmion, of Cedar Falls; Alfred, who is farming in Denmark township, this county; William, who died in 1894; and Elvina, the wife of Fred Timmion, who is living near Cedar Falls. In January, 1901, Mr. Nielson was married to Mrs. Christina (Kroh)

Schultz, widow of Peter Schultz, by whom she had four children, John, Anna, Ole and Betilda C. Mr. Schultz, who was one of the first settlers in Denmark township, purchased land here which he cultivated until his death in 1895.

Mr. Nielsen supports the republican party at the polls and for the past twelve years has been road superintendent of Denmark township. He is a member of the Lutheran church and is also identified with Denmarks Minde, a society composed of those of Danish descent.

THADDEUS S. HAYS.

In the death of Thaddeus S. Hays, Emmet county mourned the loss of one of its valued and representative citizens, for he was long identified with business and financial interests in the county and was ever found loyal and faithful to the trust reposed in him. He was born in Prairie City, Illinois, in November, 1867, a son of Charles and Mattie (Loughry) Hays, who were natives of Pennsylvania and at an early day became residents of Illinois. While living in McDonough county, that state, the father served as county sheriff and accordingly became a resident of Macomb. Later he removed to Iowa and subsequently to South Dakota, where he filled the office of county treasurer.

Thaddeus S. Hays was largely reared and educated in Shenandoah, Iowa, and after putting aside his textbooks was appointed to the position of deputy county treasurer under his father at Woonsocket, South Dakota. After retiring from that position he entered a bank there and later removed to Chicago, where he was employed in the collection department of Deering & Company for four years. When that period had passed he went to Graettinger, Iowa, where he engaged in the banking business but later removed to Armstorng, where he became cashier of the Armstrong State Bank and one of its large stockholders. He continued to act in that official capacity throughout his remaining days and was not quite thirty-seven years of age when, after an illness of less than a week, he passed away in August, 1904. In addition to his business interests at Armstrong he was the vice president of a bank at Dolliver and director of the bank at Winnebago, Iowa, and he also owned considerable farm land in Kossuth and Emmet counties.

It was on the 3d of June, 1896, that Mr. Hays was united in marriage to Miss Hannah L. Gaarder, a daughter of Harry and Bergitte (Leerberg) Gaarder, who were natives of Norway, whence they came to the new world in early life. The father was a farmer and engaged in tilling the soil for many years. Eventually he became a resident of Graettinger, Iowa, and in that vicinity purchased land which he rented. He died in 1901, while his wife passed away in Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Hays became the parents of three children, Gladys, Francis and Thaddeus S., all of whom are attending school, the eldest being now a college stu-

dent in Huron, South Dakota. Mrs. Hays has taken up the management of her husband's business interests. She has been a stockholder and one of the directors of the Armstrong State Bank for the past twelve years and she has valuable property holdings which return to her a most gratifying income. Her residence is one of the most beautiful homes of Armstrong and is the abode of warm-hearted hospitality.

In all of his business career Mr. Hays was thoroughly reliable as well as enterprising and his activities measured up to the highest standards. He ever assisted in movements for the benefit and welfare of his community and he served as a member of the town council of Armstrong and also as a member of the school board. His political allegiance was given to the republican party. Fraternally, he was a Mason and a Knight of Pythias, while his religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church. While devoted to the public welfare and to the interests of his friends, his best traits of character were ever reserved for his own home and fireside and there he was a most devoted husband and father, counting no sacrifice on his part too great if it would enhance the happiness and welfare of his wife and children.

WILLIAM A. KERR.

William A. Kerr, who since 1910 has been manager and is one of the stockholders of the Estherville branch of the Spurbeck-Lambert Creamery Supply Company of Algona, Iowa, was born at Eagle Center, this state, on the 12th of April, 1875, a son of William and Eliza (McMurray) Kerr, who were natives of Ireland and New York respectively. Through the period of his youth William A. Kerr attended the common schools and worked upon his father's farm until he reached the age of sixteen years, when he secured a position in a tin shop, with which he was connected until 1906. He worked his way gradually upward in that business and during the last three years of the time was proprietor of the shop. In 1906 and 1907 he was employed in a hardware store at Bancroft and in the latter year he entered the employ of the Spurbeck-Lambert Creamery Supply Company of Algona, Iowa. In 1910 he was made manager of the Estherville branch of the business and is now one of the stockholders in this company, which is operating extensively along the line indicated and controls a large and gratifying business. This company was incorporated as an Algona concern in 1892 but the original owners are now deceased, their plants being taken over by others, Mr. Kerr being now vice president. The company manufactures butter tubs, tanks, etc., and handles a complete line of creamery supplies of all kinds. They find an excellent market in Iowa, which is so largely given to dairying, and their trade now covers a wide territory.

In 1900 Mr. Kerr was united in marriage to Miss Lotta Bliss, a daughter of A. E. and Charlotte (Liscum) Bliss, then of Fenton, Iowa,

WILLIAM A. KERR

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but later of Bismarck, North Dakota. The father has now passed away, his remains having been interred at Springdale, Arkansas, but the mother is yet living and makes her home at Bismarck. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr have become the parents of a son, William, who was born in 1901.

Mr. Kerr exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit upon which that organization is based. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church and his has been an upright, honorable life actuated by good purposes and fraught with kindly deeds.

GUNDER MATHESON.

Gunder Matheson, an honored pioneer and one of the substantial citizens of Dickinson county now living retired in Milford, was born on the 27th of August, 1838, in Norway. His parents, Mathes and Magdeline Matheson, spent their entire lives in the land of the midnight sun. The father, who was a fisherman and farmer by occupation, died in 1860, and the mother passed away in 1847.

In his native land Gunder Matheson grew to manhood, receiving the usual educational advantages afforded in that country at that time, and he remained with his father until 1857, when he decided to try his fortune on this side of the Atlantic. After reaching the United States he spent two months in Chicago and then went to Michigan, where he worked in the pineries for one year. The following winter was spent in Winneshiek county, Iowa, and in 1859 he came to Dickinson county, where he has since made his home. On his arrival here he homesteaded eighty acres of land in Okoboji township, which he at once began to improve, and he also bought an adjoining eighty acre tract. Upon his place he erected the largest log house in the county and as time passed made many improvements upon his farm, which he continued to operate until 1900. He then retired from active labor and removed to Milford, where he has built one of the finest residences in the town.

On the 7th of July, 1866, Mr. Matheson married Miss Anna Larson, who was born in Norway, June 11, 1847, and is the oldest daughter of Nels and Sarah Larson. When she was five years of age the family emigrated to America and settled in Wisconsin, but in 1865 removed to Jackson county, Minnesota, where Mr. Larson followed farming throughout the remainder of his life, dying there in 1881. His wife passed away in 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Matheson have three children. Anna, born January 17, 1868, is now the life of Carl Thorstenson of Milford and they have seven children, Kella, Selma, Tilen, Nanson, Rowell, Milford and Gunder. Daniel, born June 30 1870, is married and living in Montana. He has one child, Lloyd. Tilda, born December 22, 1876, is the wife of John Amundson, who is now operating Mr. Matheson's farm in Dickinson

county, and they have eight children, Geno, Inga, Justin, Isabelle, Alton, Rose, Harold and Roweld.

Feeling that his adopted country needed his services during the Civil war, Mr. Matheson enlisted at Spirit Lake in 1861 in Company A, Seventh Iowa Cavalry, and was mustered in at Sioux City. Later his command was changed to Company I. In the spring of 1863 his regiment, together with the Sixth Iowa Cavalry and the Second Nebraska Cavalry, were sent to quiet the Indian uprising at White Stone Hill in the Devils Lake country of North Dakota. At the end of his first term Mr. Matheson re-enlisted, in the fall of 1864 and remained in the service for three years and forty days, most of that time being spent in the north keeping the Indians in subjection. He is today an honored member of Waller Post, G. A. R., at Milford, and has been a stanch supporter of the republican party since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. Both he and his wife are faithful members of the Lutheran church and stand high in the community where they reside. Three times they have returned to Norway on visits and although they thoroughly enjoyed these trips, they have never regretted their emigration to America for here they have prospered and made for themselves and family a most comfortable home. Although now seventy-eight years of age, Mr. Matheson has not a gray hair on his head and has the vigor and strength of a man much younger. He has always taken a commendable interest in the affairs of his community and served as school director and trustee of Okoboji township while living in the country. He is a stockholder and director of the First National Bank of Milford and is one of the representative citizens of his community, a man honored and esteemed wherever known.

HENRY PETERS.

Henry Peters, living on section 11, Lloyd township, is one of the representative farmers of Dickinson county. He claims Germany as his native land, his birth there occurring September 8, 1850, his parents being Christ and Margaret (Meyer) Peters. The father died in Germany in 1868 and two years later the mother came to America with her two daughters and her son Henry. The family located in Will county, Illinois, where her death occurred.

After residing in Will county, Illinois, for about twelve years, Henry Peters removed to Otter county, Nebraska, where the following five years were spent, and in 1894 he came to Dickinson county, Iowa. Ten years previous to this he had purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Lloyd township from the Milwaukee Railroad, and on locating upon his property gave his undivided attention to its cultivation and improvement. He is a man of good business and executive ability and in his farming operations has met with most excellent success.

While residing in Will county, Illinois, Mr. Peters was married in 1884 to Miss Mary Hahn, also a native of Germany, and they became the parents of four children, three of whom are still living, namely: Henry, at home; Minnie, the wife of Henry Ernst, of Lloyd township; and Elizabeth, also at home. The mother of these children died in the early '90s and in 1896 Mr. Peters was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Polso, of Will county, who was also born in Germany. There are four children by this union, Christ, John, Annie and Herman, all at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Peters hold membership in the Lutheran church and have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances throughout Dickinson county. By his ballot Mr. Peters supports the men and measures of the republican party, and he takes an active and commendable interest in the welfare of his adopted country.

JENS J. RAVN.

The population of Denmark township consists chiefly of farmers and among them is numbered Jens J. Ravn, whose progressiveness and hard work have gained him a substantial competence. He was born in Denmark on the 29th of November, 1867, and is a son of Hans Jensen and Signe (Hansdatter) Ravn. The father was during his active days a maker of wooden shoes and was also known as a violinist. He is still living at the age of seventy-seven but the mother died when sixty-seven years old.

Jens J. Ravn, who is one of a family of four children, attended the common schools until he was fourteen years old, when he was confirmed. For the next three years he worked as a bricklayer, but when only seventeen years old, came alone to the United States and settled in Armstrong Grove township, Emmet county, Iowa. After working as a farm hand for several years he cultivated rented land in Denmark township for six years, during that time carefully saving his money, as it was his ambition to become a landowner. At length he bought the north half of the northwest quarter of section 15 and has since operated that place. He has made a number of improvements thereon, carefully conserves the fertility of the soil and keeps everything in excellent condition.

On the 22d of March, 1892, Mr. Ravn was married to Miss Helena Marie Gaarde, a daughter of A. N. and Anna Marie Gaarde, who were among the early settlers of Denmark township, living for a number of years upon the farm that is now the home of Mr. Ravn. They are both deceased and are buried in St. Paul's cemetery. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Ravn are nine in number, namely: Hans Martin, Myrtie Jensina, Ralph Peter, Adella Marie, Esther Martina, Arna Sievert, Lehmann Christian, Velinda Andrea and Brady Gordon.

Mr. Ravn does not consider himself bound by party ties but casts

his ballot independently. He is identified with the Danish Brotherhood, thus keeping in touch with others of his race, and in religious faith is a Danish Lutheran, holding membership in St. John's church. His has been a life of hard work intelligently directed and the prosperity which is now his is well deserved.

GLENN L. REISINGER.

Glenn L. Reisinger is widely and prominently known as one of the extensive stock raisers of Emmet county and his home in pleasantly and conveniently located on sections 26 and 35, Center township, where he has four hundred acres of rich and valuable land, constituting one of the best farms of this district. In its management and control he displays excellent business ability and his plans are always carefully considered and promptly executed. He is a native of the neighboring state of Illinois, his birth having occurred at Baileyville on the 12th of July, 1866, his parents being Peter and Priscilla Reisinger, who were natives of Ohio and Canada respectively. The father was a blacksmith by trade.

Glenn L. Reisinger was reared by his grandparents between the ages of six and nine years, or from 1872 until 1875, and afterward remained with relatives until he reached the age of thirteen. He then started out independently and has since earned his living through persistent, able and determined effort. He continued to work as a farm hand for others until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when, desirous of engaging in business for himself, he rented land in Grundy county about 1888.

Mr. Reisinger was united in marriage March 5, 1891, to Miss Margaret Smith, a daughter of Thomas H. and Eliza (Dulbert) Smith, then of Smith county, Kansas, but afterward residents of Grundy county, Iowa. The mother departed this life in March, 1908, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Reinbeck, Iowa, while the father made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Don Spaulding, of Center township, Emmet county, until his death, which there occurred December 18, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Reisinger have become the parents of five children. Wesley E., of Gruver, Iowa, married Leona Stagg, a daughter of Dr. W. A. Stagg, of Estherville, and they have a son, Glenn William. The other members of the family are Vera E., Rex Thomas, Ralph W. and Ruby B., all at home.

The family residence is situated on section 26, Center township, and theirs is one of the fine farms of the county, being equipped with substantial buildings and the latest improved facilities for promoting farm work. Mr. Reisinger makes stock raising an important feature of his business and is now extensively engaged in raising cattle, horses and hogs. His life has been one of untiring industry intelligently directed. He has made each move and investment count for the utmost and as the years have passed his labors have brought the substantial results which

his laudable ambition sought. At the same time he has been appreciative of the opportunities of citizenship and had aided in many plans for the public good. He votes with the republican party and for three years he filled the office of county supervisor. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church and his fellow townsmen recognize in him a man whom to know is to trust and honor.

WILLIAM WERTZ.

William Wertz was well known in Emmet county and his death on the 12th of November, 1909, was widely regretted and was recognized as a loss to his community. His birth occurred in Knox county, Ohio, December 16, 1839, but when seven years of age he was taken by his parents to Scott county, Iowa, where he remained until 1879. He then removed to the vicinity of West Branch, in Cedar county, and seventeen years later, or in 1896, came to Emmet county, where he remained until his death. He was a man of ability and energy and his well directed efforts were rewarded by a gratifying success. He was laid to rest in the cemetery in Iowa City.

In 1870 Mr. Wertz married Miss Julia A. Waldron, who was born in Pennsylvania. Her parents, John L. and Elizabeth (Stewart) Waldron, were natives respectively of the Keystone state and of Ohio, but in 1856 removed to the vicinity of Iowa City, Iowa, where both passed away. To them were born six children and by her marriage Mrs. Wertz became the mother of five children, all of whom survive. She is a woman of fine business ability and now owns and manages the Dolliver Telephone Company. She is thoroughly conversant with the details of the business and keeps in close touch with what is being done in all phases of the work. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and her support can be counted upon to further movements seeking the moral advancement of the community.

JOHN H. MORRICE.

John H. Morrice, a stockholder and the manager of the Farmers' elevator at Wallingford, belongs to that class of men who have based their success upon industry and resolute purpose. He is a native of Scotland, his birth having occurred in Aberdeenshire on the 9th of August, 1874, his parents being James and Elizabeth Morrice. The father was a sailor.

Spending his youthful days in his native country, John H. Morrice pursued his education in the common schools and in a business college of Scotland and when twenty-two years of age determined to seek his

fortune in the new world, at which time he crossed the Atlantic to the United States. He did not tarry on the eastern coast but at once made his way to Emmet county, Iowa, and for three years was employed as a farm hand near Estherville. He then returned to Scotland, where he remained for six months, and then again came to the new world, accepting a position at an elevator at Wallingford in the employ of Joseph Hardy, there remaining for ten years. He afterwards spent two years as manager of an elevator at Graettinger, Iowa, and in 1907 he returned to Wallingford, where he has since had the management of the Farmers' elevator, of which he is one of the stockholders. He has carried on this business continuously now for the past ten years, carefully and wisely directing the interests of the elevator, in which connection he has built up a big grain trade, furnishing a market to a large percentage of the producers in this section. He is thoroughly familiar with every phase of the grain business and long experience and sound judgment have contributed to his success. He is also secretary and manager of the Wallingford Telephone Company.

In 1902 Mr. Morrice was united in marriage to Miss Laura Everson. Her parents were residents of High Lake township, but are now deceased, their remains having been interred in Riverside cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Morrice have two children, Leroy and Victor.

Mr. Morrice belongs to the Modern Woodmen Camp, No. 4740, at Wallingford, also to the Loyal Order of Moose and to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Estherville. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and at the present time he is serving as justice of the peace in Wallingford. He also belongs to the Presbyterian church and his has been an honorable, upright life characterized by many admirable qualities which have won for him the friendship and kindly regard for those with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact.

DAVID DUNDAS.

David Dundas, who is farming on section 10, Armstrong Grove township, Emmet county, has been a witness of the development of the county since an early period in its history and has done his part in bringing about its advancement along agricultural lines. He was born in Canada in 1849 and is a son of James and Anna (McFadden) Dundas, natives respectively of Scotland and Ireland, although the mother was also of Scotch descent. They emigrated to the Dominion in an early day and the father cultivated land there for many years. At length he went to DeKalb county, Illinois, whence in 1865 he removed with his family to Kossuth county, Iowa. After farming there for five years he came to Emmet county, Iowa, and bought land in Armstrong Grove township and also took up a homestead there. He operated his farm

for a number of years and met with gratifying success. He died in Armstrong, February 9, 1891, and four days later his wife also passed away.

David Dundas received his education in the public schools and remained at home until he was twenty-three years of age, when he took up a homestead in Armstrong Grove township which he operated for thirty-one years, at the end of which time he traded that property for eighty acres on section 10, Armstrong Grove township, adjoining the town of Armstrong, where he has since resided. He has made a number of improvements upon the place and his well directed labors are rewarded by good crops.

Mr. Dundas was married in November, 1874, to Miss Hattie Churchill, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Smith) Churchill, who were born in New York. They were pioneers of this county, where the father homesteaded land, and he was identified with agricultural interests here until his death in 1886. The mother is still living. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dundas, namely: Alfred; Ella, the wife of John Fox; Cora, who married Peter Richardson; Archie; Libbie, the wife of Lee Hoppus; Walter, who died when nine months old; and Leonard, who died at the age of two years.

Mr. Dundas is a republican in his political belief and in religious faith is a Methodist and the fact that those who have known him intimately since boyhood are his stanchest friends is evidence of the uprightness and rectitude of his life.

CLARENCE G. LIGHTER.

Clarence G. Lighter, whose life work has been that of newspaper publication, is now editor and owner of the Terril Tribune. He was born on the 6th of March, 1879, upon a farm in Melrose township, Grundy county, Iowa, a son of Joseph H. and Emma F. Lighter, who were pioneer residents of Grundy county. The father engaged in the newspaper business for thirty years and for more than twenty-five years was connected with newspaper publication at Rolfe, Iowa, but failing health at length obliged him to retire and after an illness of five years he passed away in March, 1916. He was the first mayor of Conrad, Iowa, and throughout his active life filled many positions of public honor and trust.

Clarence G. Lighter enjoyed the educational opportunities afforded in the graded schools of the towns in which he lived. He was a little lad of but nine years when he went with his parents to Conrad, Iowa, and two years later to Hubbard, Iowa. In 1890 he removed to Rolfe, this state, where he resided until February, 1914. From early boyhood he has been connected with the newspaper business, assisting his father and thereby gaining practical and comprehensive knowledge of

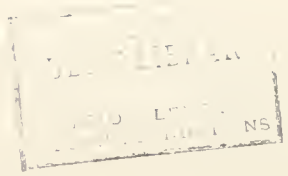
the trade. He worked as devil in his father's printing office when but ten years of age while attending school. When a youth of sixteen he was able to hold positions in the mechanical department, and he served as foreman of several printing offices through a period of thirteen years. In 1903, in connection with his father, J. H. Lighter, he purchased the Rolfe Reveille, which they sold in February, 1914, and during the last three years of that period Clarence G. Lighter was active as its business manager. On the 18th of February, 1914, he purchased the Terril Tribune, which at that time had almost reached a point where it could exist no longer. He took charge, bent every energy to the upbuilding of the paper by making it an attractive and readable journal carefully managed in its business interests, and today it is one of the best of the country papers of the state.

On the 4th of February, 1898, at Havelock, Iowa, Mr. Lighter was united in marriage to Miss Emma C. Gill, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gill of that place. She is a high school graduate and prior to her marriage was a successful school teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Lighter now have six children, namely: Norma, Theron, Charline, J. H., Kingsley and Jeane. Fraternally Mr. Lighter is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen and has filled several offices in all of these. He is a man of social disposition, has a wide acquaintance and his substantial qualities have won him the friendship and regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

ERIC JUHL.

Eric Juhl, a resident farmer of Center township, his home being on section 4, was born in Lee county, Iowa, near Keokuk, on the 13th of January, 1876, a son of Gregers and Dorothy Juhl. He was about eleven years of age when the family removed to Emmet county and under the parental roof he spent the days of his boyhood, attending the district schools until he reached the age of eighteen. He was early trained to the work of the fields and he continued to assist his father until he reached the age of twenty-five. He then rented land in Ellsworth township, upon which he lived for four years, and for three years thereafter he engaged in the cultivation of a rented farm in Center township. During that period he carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economy enabled him to purchase land. He then bought a farm in Dickinson county upon which he lived for two years, after which he sold his property and invested in two hundred and ten acres in Center township, including the northeast quarter of section 4. Upon that place he now makes his home and he has converted the tract into one of the splendidly improved farms of the district.

GREGERS JUHL AND FAMILY



In 1901 Mr. Juhl was united in marriage to Miss Carolina Hanson, her father being Christian Hanson, who is a native of Denmark and still resides in that country. To Mr. and Mrs. Juhl have been born three children, Dorothy, Clarence and Edwin. Mr. Juhl is connected with the Woodmen of the World and his moral standards are indicated in the fact that he is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and for two years he filled the office of constable, but he prefers to concentrate his efforts upon his business affairs. He has won success by hard work and his life proves the force of diligence, indefatigable energy and sound judgment as factors in the attainment of prosperity.

HUGH B. LAWRENCE

Hugh B. Lawrence is proprietor of the leading clothing store of Estherville—an establishment which would be a credit to a city of much larger size, for he carries a complete and well selected stock of clothing and his store is tastefully appointed, neatly arranged and systematically conducted. Mr. Lawrence has been proprietor of this establishment since 1907 and in the intervening years his business, as the result of his careful management and enterprise, has constantly expanded. Iowa numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred at Lawler in 1883, his parents being William and Pauline Lawrence, natives of Maryland and of Michigan respectfully. They became residents of Iowa in childhood days and after attaining his majority the father engaged in the harness and implement business at Lawler, where he became known as a representative citizen and business man. To him and his wife were born four children: Nellie, the wife of H. G. Graaf; Cora, the wife of L. S. Kucker; Mary, the wife of G. E. Ridley; and Hugh B., of this review.

In the attainment of his education Hugh B. Lawrence completed a course in the high school at Lawler and later attended the Nora Springs Seminary. He has been identified with commercial interests in Estherville since 1899, at which time he accepted a clerkship in the Graaf clothing store, where he remained for seven years, gaining comprehensive knowledge of the business and wide experience during that period. He afterward conducted business along the same line on his own account in Parker, South Dakota, for a year, but in 1907 returned to Estherville and purchased the store of Mr. Graaf. Since then he has successfully conducted and managed the business, handling a large and well selected stock, making a specialty of the Hart Schaffner & Marx clothing, the Walkover shoes and the Stetson hats—all standard goods.

In August, 1904, Mr. Lawrence was united in marriage to Miss Marybelle Scoville, a daughter of George and Bertha Scoville, of Grundy

Center, Iowa. The mother passed away and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Vinton, Iowa, while the father is now a resident of Conrad, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence have one son, George, who was born in 1909.

Mr. Lawrence is identified with all the different Masonic bodies and with the Eastern Star and he likewise has membership with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In politics he is a republican with independent tendencies, for while he is a believer in the principles of the party, he does not consider himself bound by party ties and at local elections considers the capability of a candidate rather than his party affiliation. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and they occupy a prominent social position in Estherville, where they have an extensive circle of warm friends.

THORWALD B. PETERSEN.

Thorwald B. Petersen, of Ringsted, is devoting his best energies to the conduct of his hardware business and his well directed efforts have been rewarded by a trade of gratifying volume. He was born in Clinton, Iowa, on the 23d of October, 1881, and is a son of Morton and Anna Petersen, natives of Denmark. For some time after the emigration of the family to America the father was employed in a sash factory in Clinton, Iowa, but in 1883 removed to Emmet county and purchased the southwest quarter of section 1, Denmark township, which he farmed until he retired from active life in 1902 and took up his residence in Ringsted, where he passed away in 1913. He won a competence through his hard work and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was honored by election to a number of township offices and gave the same careful attention to the discharge of his official duties that he displayed in the management of his private interests. He was survived a year by his widow, who died in 1914, and both are buried in St. Paul's cemetery. To them were born six children, namely: Robert P., who engaged in farming in Denmark township until his death in 1911 and whose widow resides in Ringsted; Christina, now Mrs. P. C. Petersen, of Denmark township; Chris M., who lives near Armstrong; Peter W., of Ringsted; Thorwald B.; and Marie, who is now Mrs. Sirl Nelson and lives near Ringsted. The mother also had a daughter by a former marriage, Augusta, the widow of Laua Juhl, Askov, Minnesota.

Thorwald B. Petersen attended the public schools until he was nineteen years old and was subsequently for one term a student in the United Lutheran College at Elk Horn, Iowa. He then returned to the home farm and worked for his father for a time, after which he entered Highland Park College at Des Moines, Iowa, remaining there during the year 1901-2, while the succeeding school year was spent as a student in the Iowa Teachers' College at Cedar Falls. He followed the pro-

fession of teaching in district No. 7, Denmark township, for one year, but in 1904 turned to commercial interests, joining his brother, Peter W. Petersen, and his father in the establishment of a hardware store in Ringsted. After the father's demise the two brothers continued the business until 1916, when Mr. Petersen of this review bought out his brother's interest and has since been sole proprietor of the store. In addition to handling a full line of general hardware he specializes in the sale of gasoline engines and also carries lightning rods and his thorough familiarity with the conditions of the trade and his up-to-date business methods have made him one of the most successful merchants of the town.

On the 15th of December, 1909, occurred the marriage of Mr. Petersen and Miss Anna C. Sorensen, whose parents, J. A. and Marie Sorensen, were former residents of Denmark township but are now living retired in Ringsted. Mr. and Mrs. Petersen have two daughters, Elfredo and Phyllis.

Mr. Petersen endorses the principles of the republican party but at local elections votes for the best candidate irrespective of his political affiliation. He was city clerk for several years and is never indifferent to matters affecting the general welfare. He holds membership in the Danish Brotherhood lodge, No. 134, at Ringsted and also belongs to St. John's church. The gratifying measure of success which is his is the direct result of his own industry and good management and has never been won at the price of questionable dealings.

E. M. IVERSON.

E. M. Iverson, actively engaged in general farming on section 9, Lincoln township, Emmet county, is numbered among Iowa's native sons, for his birth occurred in Franklin county on the 22d of August, 1869. Like many of the most substantial citizens of the state, he is of Norwegian descent, his parents, Erick S. and Martha (Erickson) Iverson, being natives of Norway, whence they came to the new world in young manhood and young womanhood. They first settled in Green county, Wisconsin, and were there married. They established and maintained their home in that county until after the birth of three of their children and in 1868 they removed to Iowa, settling in Franklin county, where they continued to make their home until called to their final rest. At the time of the Civil war Mr. Iverson had responded to the country's call for aid and went to the front with a Wisconsin regiment of volunteer infantry, with which he participated in a number of important engagements that contributed to the victory that finally crowned the Union arms. He died August 23, 1903, in his seventy-second year, and his death was deeply regretted by all who knew him. He was a devout Christian man, a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church and was

one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Franklin county. His widow survived him until 1907, when she, too, passed away.

E. M. Iverson, following the acquirement of a common school education, came to Emmet county in the spring of 1893, when a young man of about twenty-four years. He had purchased one hundred and sixty-two and one-half acres of land in the previous fall and upon his arrival he began the cultivation of this tract. He further completed his arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage on the 11th of July, 1894, to Miss Olena Ula, of Blanchardville, Wisconsin, in which state she was born and reared. Her parents came to this country from Norway in childhood with their respective parents, who were among the earliest settlers of Green county, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Iverson have two children, Elva J. and Maurice T., both at home.

Politically Mr. Iverson is a stalwart republican and for seven or eight years served as a member of the township board of trustees, while for two years he was a member of the school board. He and his wife are identified with the Norwegian Lutheran church and his influence is always on the side of progress and improvement, of truth and right. His life, ever a busy and useful one, has been devoted to agricultural pursuits and his present farm comprises a little more than two hundred and eight acres of land, constituting one of the well improved properties of Lincoln township.

JAMES C. SMITH.

James C. Smith, the well known cashier of the Superior Bank at Superior, Iowa, is a native of this state, his birth occurring in Delaware county, January 11, 1867. His parents were Don B. and Rachel (Johnson) Smith, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. In 1857 they became residents of Iowa and when the country became involved in civil war the father enlisted as a private in an Iowa regiment, remaining in the service for over three years. In the family were six children, five of whom are still living.

In this state James C. Smith grew to manhood and is indebted to its common schools for the education he acquired during his youth. In 1884 he came to Dickinson county and settled on a farm, being engaged in agricultural pursuits for some time. Later he devoted eleven years to the grain business and in 1907 entered the Superior Bank as cashier, in which capacity he has since served. Much of the success of that institution is due to his capable management and he is regarded as one of the leading business men of the community.

In 1900 Mr. Smith married Miss Anna Reilly. By a former marriage he has two sons, namely: Don B., who is now connected with a bank in Canada; and Harry, a farmer of Dickinson county, Iowa. Mr. Smith is a prominent member of North Star Lodge, No. 447, A. F. & A. M., of

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Estherville, Iowa, and Lodge No. 674, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all the chairs. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the republican party, and he is now serving as treasurer of the school board. He stands high both in business and social circles and is regarded as one of the foremost citizens of Superior.

GUS W. DEIBNER.

One of the most prominent business men and foremost citizens of Spirit Lake is Gus W. Deibner, who was born in DeKalb county, Indiana, May 9, 1870. His parents, John and Erenstina (Snyder) Deibner, were both natives of Essen, Germany, in which country they were reared and educated. After their marriage they came to America and first located in DeKalb county, Indiana, where the father engaged in railroad work for a time. Subsequently they removed to Hays Center, Kansas, where he followed farming until coming to Dickinson county, Iowa, in 1881. For a number of years he conducted a livery, feed and sale stable in Okoboji but in 1914 retired from active business and he and his wife now reside in Spirit Lake, enjoying a well earned rest.

Gus W. Deibner began his education in the district schools of Kansas and attended school in Dickinson county after the removal of the family to this state. He early took an interest in live stock and for some time was a horse dealer at Okoboji, but in 1897 removed to Spirit Lake, where he has since been prominently identified with the stock business, owning a fine modern feed and sale stable. He is today one of the leading stock dealers of northwestern Iowa. During his entire business career he has been in partnership with his brother John and they have done much to advance the interests of their locality along various lines. They built the Hawkeye Hotel and the postoffice in Spirit Lake besides many other business houses, including the Deibner block, which is one of the town's best buildings, and they have also erected ten or twelve good residences. They own one tract of three hundred acres, one hundred and twenty acres of which is within the city limits of Spirit Lake and besides this property they have two highly improved farms in Dickinson county; also a ranch of one thousand acres in North Dakota and some very valuable lake shore acreage, their holdings now aggregating sixty-five hundred acres.

On the 21st of October, 1901, at Algona, Iowa, Mr. Deibner of this review married Miss Daisy A. Rhodes, who was born in Dickinson county and is a daughter of Samuel Rhodes, a native of Iowa and pioneer of Dickinson county. He died at his home in Superior township, and the mother is now living at Mountain Grove, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Deibner have five children, namely: John H., Thelma, Paul, Ruth and Wesley, all born in Dickinson county.

By his ballot Mr. Deibner supports the men and measures of the republican party, but has never sought nor cared for office, preferring to devote his undivided attention to his extensive business interests. He and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and she takes an active part in Sunday school work and in the Ladies' Aid Society. Fraternally Mr. Deibner is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a conservative business man of much more than ordinary ability and is usually able to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

WILLIAM H. MINOR.

Having now laid aside business cares, William H. Minor is living retired in Milford. A native of Wisconsin, he was born at Fox Lake, November 19, 1856, and is a son of John C. and Mary Ellen (Brimson) Minor. The birth of the mother occurred in England in 1833, but the father was a native of New York and a butcher by trade. In early life he removed to Fox Lake, Wisconsin, and in 1866 came to Iowa, locating at Ackley. Two years later he took up a homestead in Kossuth county, where he followed farming until 1874, and then removed to Plymouth, Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, where he engaged in the butcher business. He died at that place in 1884. His widow now makes her home in Cincinnati, Ohio.

William H. Minor was practically reared and educated at Algona, Iowa, and he remained with his parents until twenty-four years of age. He then learned the mason's trade, which he followed for eighteen years, and in the meantime removed to Milford, Dickinson county, in 1895. Two years later he traded a stock of goods for a farm, which he operated for five years, and on selling that place purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 3, Okoboji township, Dickinson county, whereon he lived until the death of his wife in 1909. In connection with farming he also conducted a general store in Milford for some time, and since 1909 has lived retired at that place. He is the owner of considerable property, including four hundred and eighty acres of land in Richland county, North Dakota.

On the 16th of October, 1880, Mr. Minor married Miss Emma L. Morrison, who died after a lingering illness May 26, 1909. They became the parents of two children: Cassius B., who was born in October, 1883, and is now conducting a billiard hall in Milford; and Herbert B., who was born February 7, 1885, and died in September, 1886. The former was married January 12, 1909, to Miss Mabel Sheldon, and they have five children: Emma L., born August 26, 1909; Opal M., born April 2, 1911; Fay E., born November 11, 1912; Marion G., born May 22, 1914; and Herbert Stanley, born March 6, 1917.

Mr. Minor affiliates with the republican party and is a Methodist in

religious belief. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Yeomen. His success in life has been worthily achieved and is certainly well merited.

OLE K. BERVEN.

Ole K. Berven, one of the well-to-do farmers of Emmet county, residing on section 35, Swan Lake township, was born on the 4th of June, 1861, in Norway, of which country his parents, Knute and Christina (Jacobson) Berven were lifelong residents. They are now deceased and one of their nine children has also passed away. In his native land Ole K. Berven grew to manhood, his education being acquired in the local schools. It was in 1882 that he came to America and located in Lee county, Illinois, where he worked as a farm hand for some time. In 1884 he came to Iowa, but after spending two years in Hamilton county removed to North Dakota, where the following ten years were passed. At the end of that time he came to Emmet county, Iowa, and purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 35, Swan Lake township. He is an energetic and progressive farmer and has made excellent improvements upon his place so that it now ranks among the best farms in the locality.

Mr. Berven was married in 1896 to Miss Julia L. Warberg, also a native of Norway, and they have become the parents of eleven children, namely: George; Anna, the wife of Luther J. Risk; Lewis; Knute; Emma; Antone and Oscar, both deceased; Antone, the second of that name; Joseph; Alma; and Theodore. The family attend the Lutheran church of which Mr. and Mrs. Berven are members, and he is now serving as one of its trustees. He is also filling the office of trustee of his township and has served as school director. In politics he is an ardent republican. He is one of the self-made men of his community, as on coming to this country he was empty handed and all that he now possesses has been acquired through his own industry, good management and economy. He is one of the representative farmers of his township and is a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

NIELS J. NIELSEN.

Niels J. Nielsen, a well-to-do farmer of Denmark township, was born in Denmark, January 28, 1871, of the marriage of Karsten and Kirstina (Jensen) Nielsen. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died when his son Niels J. was but three years old and the mother subsequently married Hans Nelsen, also an agriculturist. Five children

were born to the second marriage and they and the parents are still living in Denmark.

Niels J. Nielsen, who was the third in order of birth of the four children born to the first marriage of his mother, attended the public schools until he was confirmed and later was for seven months a student at a military school. After leaving that institution he worked upon farms until he was thirty years old, when he came to the United States and located at Reinbeck, Iowa. For about two years he was employed as a farm hand but in 1902 rented a farm in Emmet county, near Dolliver, which he cultivated until 1911. He then purchased eighty acres in Swan Lake township and a year later bought the east half of the northeast quarter of section 7, Denmark township, upon which he has since resided. The excellent condition of the place is evidence of his good management and he realizes a gratifying profit from the sale of his grain and stock.

It was in 1904 that Mr. Nielsen was married, his bride being Miss Anne Enemark, a daughter of Peter and Henrietta Enemark, residents of Copenhagen, Denmark. Mr. and Mrs. Nielsen have three children, Gerda, Henrietta and Robert.

Mr. Nielsen does not consider himself bound by party ties but votes for the candidate whom he deems best fitted to discharge the duties of the office in question. He holds membership in St. John's Danish Lutheran church and is also identified with the Danish Brotherhood. When he began his independent career he was empty handed but was determined to succeed and as the years have passed his resources have steadily increased until he is now in comfortable circumstances.

REV. JOHN R. HORSWELL.

Rev. John R. Horswell, one of the well known and valued residents of Emmet county now living retired in Estherville, was born in England, May 13, 1846, a son of Richard and Mary Ann (Wood) Horswell, both of whom were natives of England. They crossed the Atlantic to Canada about 1849 and there resided for twelve years, after which they returned to England, where they again lived for six years. On the expiration of that period they went once more to Canada, where they settled in 1867. The mother contracted cholera on the journey and died in Kingston, Canada, soon after their arrival. In the year 1869 the Rev. John R. Horswell came to the United States, establishing his home in Humboldt, Iowa, and in the fall of the same year he was joined by his father, who, after living in Humboldt for two years, learned of a homestead in Emmet county adjoining Armstrong which had been abandoned by a former settler. Mr. Horswell accordingly came to Emmet county and filed on the homestead, which he continued to occupy up to the time of his death. He was in his ninety-fourth year when he passed away on the 4th of August, 1915,

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and he remained very active to the last, being a remarkably well preserved man.

Rev. John R. Horswell acquired his education in the common schools, supplemented by academic training in England, and there he prepared for the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church. He entered upon ministerial work in Canada in 1868 and soon afterward came to Iowa. For thirty years he was identified with the Des Moines annual conference, his first charge being at Humboldt, Iowa. After the mission was opened from Manson to Storm Lake on the Illinois Central Railroad, Rev. Horswell established churches at various points from Manson to Alta and he was the first Methodist Episcopal minister at Storm Lake. For many years thereafter he was one of the well known preachers in the state, working zealously and untiringly for the advancement of the cause. His labors were not denied the full harvest nor the aftermath and constituted a most forceful factor in the moral progress of the districts in which he labored. In 1895 he entered into superannuated relations with the church and removed to his farm in Emmet county which he had previously purchased. Through the following eighteen years he devoted himself to agricultural pursuits and thereby regained his health, which had become impaired through close confinement in church work. He made a specialty of raising cattle while upon the farm and was one of the first to recognize how much it would mean to the community to produce a better grade of cattle. He built up a herd of thoroughbred Aberdeen Angus cattle and was the first man to exhibit from Emmet county at the state fair and at the International Stock Show, receiving premiums at both shows. The herd which he sold at the time he retired from active business brought about ten thousand dollars. He had become recognized as one of the foremost stockmen of his part of the state and he had proven his ability not only through contributing to the moral development of his community but also by aiding in its material progress. He was very successful in his farming and cattle raising interests and acquired eight hundred acres of land, but has since disposed of four hundred acres by sale and by division among his sons.

On the 20th of December, 1871, Rev. Horswell was married to Miss Susan C. Murton, of Kingston, Ontario, and to them were born six children, four sons and two daughters: Ulysses M., now a practicing physician of Wausaukee, Wisconsin; Abigail, a teacher in Bennet Academy at Mathiston, Mississippi; John S., who follows farming near Harris, Iowa; Floy Georgetta, the wife of H. H. Hansen, of Estherville, Iowa; Joy R., who is engaged in the real estate business at Estherville; and Hugo W., who is operating the home farm.

Rev. Horswell's more recent public work in this county has been the organization of the Emmet County Farm Improvement Association, which employs a graduate of the State Agricultural College, who keeps in close touch with the farming interests and works for more intensive cultivation and for better farming methods generally. After the organization Rev. Horswell was chosen president, in which capacity he is now

serving. The society is proving a most potent force in Emmet county in raising the standards and improving the methods of farming and splendid results are being achieved thereby. He was also instrumental in the organization of the Emmet County Fair Association and in securing the passage of a bill whereby twelve thousand dollars was voted for the purchase of a tract of land of sixty acres adjoining the city of Estherville. This was done at the November election of 1916, the grounds to be ready for exhibition purposes in the fall of 1917. Rev. Horswell is a member of the board of directors of the Fair Association and he is likewise secretary and a member of the board of directors of the Estherville Free Public Library. In politics he is a republican and has been importuned to accept the nomination for state representative but has declined the honor. Emmet county places his name high on the roll of its foremost citizens, recognizing the value and worth of his work in advancing higher standards for the material, intellectual, social and moral development of the community.

EDWARD E. OLSON.

Edward E. Olson, actively and prominently identified with agricultural interests in Emmet county, is now living on section 8, High Lake township, where he has a well-improved farm of eighty acres. He was born in Story county, Iowa, November 6, 1869, and is a son of Jeremiah and Inger (Danielson) Olson, the former a native of Norway and the latter of Lasalle county, Illinois. When a lad of twelve years Jeremiah Olson came to the new world and for some time lived in Chicago, after which he became a resident of Story county, Iowa, in 1864. There he took up his abode upon a farm which he still owns and occupies, and throughout the intervening period his time and energies have been continuously, carefully and successfully devoted to agricultural pursuits. In 1910 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away leaving a husband and six children to mourn her loss.

Edward E. Olson, spending his youthful days upon the old home farm in Story county, there pursued his early education and when not busy with his textbooks assisted in the work of the fields, becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He later attended Red Wing Seminary for two years and Tilford Collegiate Academy at Vinton, Iowa, for one year. After reaching manhood he rented a farm in Story county and there resided until 1899, when he removed to Estherville and purchased a feed yard, which he conducted for two years. He then sold out that business and returned to Story county, where he occupied a rented farm for three years. He next removed to Hamilton county, Iowa, where he remained for four years, after which he purchased a farm in Dickinson county, Iowa, upon which he lived for two years. Subsequently he sold that property and went to Winnebago

county, this state, where he purchased a farm which he owned for three years. He then sold out and bought the farm on which he now lives on section 8, High Lake township, Emmet county, comprising eighty acres of rich and productive land. His time and attention have since been given to its further development and improvement and he is now devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits there. He also owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in Hyde county, South Dakota.

In 1901 Mr. Olson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Lein, who was born in Story county, Iowa, a daughter of Thor A. and Christie (Ingerbritson) Lein, who were natives of Norway and in early life came to the new world, settling first in Illinois, whence they afterward removed to Story county. The father, who loyally served his adopted country as a soldier in the Civil war and in days of peace, was equally devoted to the welfare of America, has now passed away. His widow survives and is now living in Estherville. In their family were nine children, six of whom are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Olson have become parents of three children: Charlotte, born May 30, 1902; Jeremiah T., born October 14, 1904; and Eugene Marion, born August 31, 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. Olson are members of the Lutheran church and are ever loyal to its teachings. In politics he is a republican and for two years he filled the office of assessor. His entire life has been spent in Iowa and practically throughout the entire period he has been identified with farming interests, being now a well-known representative of agricultural activity in Emmet county.

PETER L. PETERSEN.

Peter L. Petersen, who is living retired in Ringsted, has a wide acquaintance throughout the county and is recognized as a man of many sterling qualities. During his active life he engaged in farming and won a competence that enables him to enjoy a period of leisure. His birth occurred in Denmark on the 25th of November, 1852, and he is a son of Lars and Maria (Schot) Petersen, who passed their entire lives in that country. The father was a cabinetmaker and also followed agricultural pursuits.

Peter L. Petersen, the eldest in a family of seven children, obtained his education in Denmark and when nineteen years old came alone to the United States. For four years he was employed in Greenwich, Connecticut, and in New York city, but in 1876 removed to Clinton, Iowa, and for a decade worked as a cabinetmaker in that city. In the spring of 1886 he purchased eighty acres of raw land in Denmark township, Emmet county, and for a quarter of a century concentrated his energies upon the cultivation and improvement of his farm. He was enterprising and progressive and as the years passed his resources steadily increased and

he now ranks among the substantial men of Ringsted, where he has lived since 1911.

In 1875 occurred the marriage of Mr. Petersen and Miss Christine Ganderup. She is a daughter of Hans and Catherine Ganderup, who resided in Stamford, Connecticut, for a number of years but eventually removed to Clinton, Iowa, where both passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Petersen have been born four children, two of whom died in infancy. L. A. married Clara Geronsin, a daughter of George Geronsin, who has resided successively in Clinton, Iowa, in Denmark township, Emmet county, and in Harris, Iowa, his present home. To this union have been born two children: Georgia, whose birth occurred in 1910; and Lawrence, born in 1914. L. A. Petersen is engaged in the furniture and jewelry business in Ringsted and fraternally is well known, belonging to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Danish Brotherhood. Anna M., the other surviving child of Peter L. Petersen, is now the wife of Sophus J. Lund, of Denmark township.

Mr. Petersen is a democrat in his political views and was for twelve years township assessor, for one term township trustee and is now town assessor. He served as school director for a number of years and has never ceased to feel a lively interest in educational affairs. His religious faith is that of the Danish Lutheran church and fraternally he is connected with the Danish Brotherhood lodge at Ringsted, of which he is now treasurer. The hope of success in this comparatively new country with large opportunities which led him to emigrate to the United States as a youth of nineteen years has been fulfilled and he has thoroughly identified his interests with those of his adopted country, becoming an American in spirit as well as in name.

JAY JOHNSTON.

Jay Johnston, an enterprising merchant of Estherville, is engaged in the sale of jewelry, drugs, wall paper and paints. He has always lived in this state and the spirit of western enterprise finds expression in his business career. He was born in New Hampton, Iowa, August 25, 1877, a son of A. W. and Margaret Johnston, both of whom are natives of this state, although representatives of old families of Pennsylvania of Scotch-Irish origin. The father is a carpenter by trade and he and his wife are still residents of New Hampton, Iowa. Their family numbered two sons and a daughter.

After pursuing his education in the public schools of his native city until he had completed the high school course, Jay Johnston entered the Highland Park College at Des Moines, while his practical experience in commercial circles came to him through an apprenticeship in a drug store at New Hampton. He came to Estherville in 1901 and entered the employ of F. H. Richman, with whom he remained until 1903, when he

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bought out the business, which he has since conducted at the same place, carrying a well selected line of drugs and jewelry, wall paper and paints. He is careful in the selection of his stock and his reasonable prices and fair dealing have won for him constantly increasing success.

On the 15th of June, 1904, Mr. Johnston was married to Miss Anna E. Callwell, a daughter of R. B. and Anna Callwell, both now deceased. Her father was a civil engineer. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnston has been born a son, George Barklie, who is now attending school. The religious faith of the parents is that of the Episcopal church.

Mr. Johnston exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and he belongs to the Commercial Club, thus manifesting his deep interest in the welfare and progress of his city. He has membership also with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and is a prominent Mason and member of the Mystic Shrine. He has taken the degrees of the blue lodge, chapter, commandery and consistory and in the lodge has filled all the chairs, exemplifying in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft, which is based upon a recognition of the brotherhood of man and the obligations thereby imposed.

ISAAC N. SALYERS.

Isaac N. Salyers, a prominent contractor of Estherville, has borne an important part in the upbuilding and development of Emmet county, where he has now made his home for a third of a century. He was born near Athens, Missouri, February 28, 1862, and is the fifth in order of birth in a family of ten children. He is of good old Irish and Yankee stock, though his parents, William and Elmira (Phillips) Salyers, were both natives of Ohio. At an early day they removed to Appanoose county, Iowa, where the father purchased land and engaged in farming for thirty-two years. He spent his last days at the home of a daughter living near Greenridge, Missouri, and died March 2, 1917, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. He had six great-grand-children and one great-great-grand-child. During the Galveston flood his wife was crippled and remained an invalid the rest of her life, finally passing away in 1906. Her remains were interred at Windsor, Missouri.

At the usual age Isaac N. Salyers began his education in the district schools near his childhood home and continued his studies until seventeen years of age. He remained under the parental roof until twenty and for two years worked at the carpenter's trade in Keokuk, Iowa. From that city he came to Estherville and has since done an extensive business as a building contractor. His first contract was the Smithberg residence on South Sixth street and he has since erected most of the important buildings of he town, including the Coon block, the Armory, the Elks club house, the Methodist Episcopal church, the West Side school, the Oransky building, the postoffice and the residences of F. E. Allen and George Zee-

man besides about two hundred and fifty others. Although he is still engaged in business as a contractor he now handles automobile supplies and repairs as a side issue.

In 1881 Mr. Salyers married Miss Laura A. Leek, a daughter of Charles and Cynthia (Hull) Leek, who made their home near Keokuk, Iowa, where both died and were buried. Mr. and Mrs. Saylers have lost two children and have five living, namely: Clyde, who is married and living in Estherville; Mabel, now Mrs. R. N. Perkins, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Louis, Paul and Maurice, all at home.

The republican party finds in Mr. Salyers a stanch supporter of its principles and he holds membership in the Mystic Toilers of Des Moines and the Christian church. In business circles he occupies an enviable position owing to the confidence and trust reposed in him and the success that has crowned his efforts is certainly well deserved for he started out in life for himself empty handed and has gradually worked his way upward wholly by his own efforts. He is a man of keen insight and sound judgment as well as of reliable business methods and he always faithfully fulfills his part of any contract.

NELS PETERSON.

Nels Peterson, who is concentrating his energies upon the operation of an excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Denmark township, is a Dane by birth. His natal day was May 7, 1877, and his parents, Jens and Karen Peterson, never became residents of the United States, although the mother visited her son here for a year. The father had charge of one section of a government road and was conscieutious and efficient in the discharge of his duties.

Nels Peterson, the fourth in order of birth of a family of seven children, attended the public schools until confirmed and later was employed at farm work until seventeen years old, when he came with his sister to Emmet county, Iowa. From 1894 until 1904 he worked as a hired hand in this county but at the end of that time purchased the south half of the southeast quarter of section 4, Denmark township, to which he subsequently added the northwest quarter of that quarter, his present holdings comprising one hundred and twenty acres. The land is in a high state of cultivation, the buildings are substantial and of practical design and the appearance of the place bespeaks an energetic owner.

On the 28th of December, 1903, Mr. Peterson was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Rasmussen, whose parents, Lars and Kate Rasmussen, were born in Denmark but emigrated to the United States. The mother died in New York when her daughter Bertha was very small and is interred there, but the father is still living and resides in Ringsted, Iowa. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, namely, Anina, Carl, Viola, Berthina and Christina.

Mr. Peterson is an advocate of republican principles and supports the candidates of that party when national issues are at stake but otherwise votes independently. He held the office of school director for four years and his support can be relied upon in the furtherance of any cause calculated to benefit the community. He belongs to St. Paul's Danish Lutheran church and his dominant qualities are such as invariably command respect and esteem.

GEORGE H. BERGESON.

George H. Bergeson resides in Center township, Emmet county, where he owns a quarter section of land, and he also holds title to one hundred and sixty acres in Armstrong Grove township. Although he is now in very comfortable circumstances he began his independent career without capital and without the aid of influential friends. He was born in La Salle county, Illinois, March 13, 1870, a son of Berger and Ellen Bergeson, natives of Norway. It was in 1856 that they came to America and located in Illinois, where the father became a landowner. Both passed away in that state. To them were born twelve children, of whom four are deceased.

George H. Bergeson is indebted to the common schools of La Salle county, Illinois, for his education and through assisting his father with the operation of the homestead gained valuable training in agricultural work. When twenty-two years of age he left home and rented a farm in Hamilton county, Iowa, belonging to his father. Eight years later he went to Norman county, Minnesota, and for three years operated land there which he owned. He then came to Emmet county, Iowa, and after renting land for six years purchased his present home farm, comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 1, Center township. He has put in many rods of tiling, thus supplementing the natural drainage of the farm, and has also erected fine buildings, making his place one of the model farms of the locality. He prospered financially and at length purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 1, Armstrong Grove township, which is also well improved, and he gives his personal attention to the operation of both places. His life exemplifies the value of persistency and industry, for although he has been dependent solely upon his own resources since starting out in life as a young man, he is now one of the substantial farmers of his township.

Mr. Bergeson was married on the 12th of February, 1894, to Miss Hannah Williams, a native of Hamilton county, Iowa, and a daughter of Elling and Torber Williams, natives of Norway, who emigrated with their family to this country many years ago. The father is deceased but the mother is still living. Twelve children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bergeson, Bert E., Harvey G., Mabel, Laura E., Roy E., Archie O.,

Amanda, Mildred I., Lester K., Theodore W., Georgia Henrietta and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Bergeson, who is a stalwart republican, takes an active interest in political affairs and is now serving as township trustee. Both he and his wife are communicants of the Lutheran church and its teachings constitute the principles which have governed their lives. Both are highly respected and their personal friends are many.

JAMES REFSELL.

James Refsell occupies a fine home in Wallingford, where he is now living retired in the enjoyment of a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. He was long prominently connected with agricultural interests in Emmet county and is still the owner of valuable farming property. He was born in Norway, July 31, 1860, a son of Ole and Mary (Paulson) Refsell, who were likewise natives of that country, where they resided until 1866 and then came to the new world, establishing their home upon a farm in Emmet county, Iowa. Here their remaining days were passed, the father devoting his energies to the development and improvement of his land until his demise, which occurred March 2, 1895. His widow survived him for several years, passing away in October, 1900. In their family were four children, all of whom are yet living.

James Refsell was a little lad of but six years when brought by his family to the new world, so that he was largely reared and educated in Emmet county, attending its common schools. He remained at home until he attained his majority and through that period gained broad experience in the work of the fields, so that he was well qualified to begin farming on his own account when at the age of twenty-one he started out in business independently. He first rented a farm and made further arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage in 1886 to Miss Annie Osher, who was born in Dane county, Wisconsin, a daughter of Nels and Ingeborg (Nordam) Osher, who were natives of Norway and in 1850 came to the United States, establishing their home in Wisconsin. Subsequently they removed to Emmet county, Iowa, and settled on a farm where they continued to reside until called to their final rest.

Subsequent to his marriage James Refsell purchased a farm in High Lake township on section 18, becoming the owner of two hundred and forty acres of land which is now splendidly improved. With characteristic energy he began to develop that property and soon brought his fields to a high state of cultivation, receiving therefrom a substantial annual income. Year after year he gathered good crops and in time acquired a very substantial competence. He lived upon that first farm until 1900, when he sold the property and invested in two hundred and forty acres on section 16, Twelve Mile Lake township. This is also a finely improved property and he occupied it for two years. He then bought another farm

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on section 1 of the same township, comprising one hundred and eighty-seven acres of rich land which he still owns. His attention was given to its further development and improvement until 1915, when he retired and erected a fine residence in Wallingford, which he now owns and occupies, being there pleasantly situated. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers' Savings Bank, of which he is now the president, and his financial interest in that institution contributes to his success, as does the farm, from which he derives a gratifying annual income.

Mr. and Mrs. Refsell are the parents of two children: Emma, at home, and O. N. The son is a graduate of the Lutheran College at Red Wing, Minnesota, also of the University of Wisconsin and the University of Chicago and is now a professor in Jewell, Iowa.

Mr. Refsell is a stanch supporter of the republican party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He has served as township trustee but otherwise has not sought nor desired office. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and take an active part in its work, doing all in their power to advance the moral progress as well as the material development of the community. Mr. Refsell is truly a self-made man and has become one of the prosperous residents of Emmet county.

ANDREW MITCHELL.

Many of the influential residents of Armstrong are retired farmers and among this number is Andrew Mitchell, whose birth occurred in Ontario, Canada, June 1, 1861. He is a son of James and Susan (McFarland) Mitchell, natives of Scotland, who settled in Canada in 1854. After farming there for sixteen years the father removed with his family to Emmet county, Iowa, and homesteaded land in Armstrong Grove township, one mile south of Armstrong. For many years he was identified with the agricultural development of that section but at length retired and removed to Armstrong, where he lived until his demise in February, 1901. The mother died in September, 1898.

Andrew Mitchell received his education in the schools of Canada and of Emmet county, Iowa, and remained at home until he was twenty-eight years old. He then bought one hundred and sixty acres in Armstrong Grove township and concentrated his energies upon the operation of that farm for many years, or until March, 1916, when he sold the place and took up his residence in Armstrong. He is there enjoying all the comforts of life.

On the 12th of December, 1888, Mr. Mitchell was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Carroll, a daughter of John and Mary A. (Dundas) Carroll, natives respectively of Ireland and of Canada. They became pioneer settlers of Kossuth county, where the father died February 13, 1879, and the mother in March, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell are the parents of two children: Lila V., who was born in September, 1889, and

is now the wife of George Beck, of Armstrong; and Nellie M., born June 17, 1902.

Mr. Mitchell is a stanch democrat and has held a number of local offices, having been trustee, constable and road superintendent while living upon the farm. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, the Yeomen and the Modern Woodmen of America. The fact that he is enabled to live retired although still a comparatively young man is proof of the ability with which he managed his affairs while actively engaged in farming and with the high esteem in which he is held is evidence of the high moral standards which he has constantly followed in all relations of life.

A. H. SCHOOLEY, M. D.

Dr. A. H. Schooley is actively engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Terril and his ability places him in the front rank among the foremost physicians of Dickinson county. He was born in Henry county, Iowa, on the 7th of October, 1871, and is a son of Jonathan H. and Helen (Lennox) Schooley, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of England. In her girlhood days the mother came to the United States with her parents. While a resident of Virginia, Jonathan Schooley was united in marriage to a Miss Price, by whom he had four children. They removed to Iowa and Mrs. Schooley passed away five years later. Subsequently Mr. Schooley wedded Helen Lennox and they became the parents of six children. All ten of Mr. Schooley's children are yet living. At the time of the Civil war the father enlisted for active service at the front and was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. In 1863 he returned home, was then married the second time and soon afterward reenlisted for active duty, remaining with his command until 1865, when he was mustered out. At that time the papers were in Washington which would commission him captain of his company. It was in 1851 that he came to Iowa, crossing the Alleghany mountains by team and then floating down the Ohio river. He afterward came up the Mississippi to Burlington and thence traveled westward to Henry county, Iowa, where he purchased government land at four dollars per acre. He continued to make his home in that county until his death, which occurred in 1890. For a considerable period he had survived his wife, who passed away in 1876.

Dr. Schooley was reared on the old home farm and supplemented his early educational privileges by studying in the State Teachers College at Cedar Falls, Iowa. This he attended for two years and in the fall of 1898 he took up the study of medicine, entering the medical department of the State University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1902. While in school he also read as opportunity permitted in the office of Dr. E. F. Clapp, thus improving every hour of his time in an effort to acquire a knowledge that would enable him to enter actively upon the practice of

medicine and surgery. Immediately after his graduation he came to Terril, where he has since been located. Here he opened an office and has been very successful in the conduct of a growing practice. At the present time he is building a modern hospital which will be a credit to the city and to the medical profession. He is a surgeon of marked ability and has handled some of the most delicate and important major surgical cases in the state. He is constantly studying along lines promoting his efficiency and keeps abreast with the best thinking men of the age concerning modern methods of medical and surgical practice.

In 1907 Dr. Schooley was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Allen, of Arnolds Park, Dickinson county, Iowa, by whom he has a son, Allen H. Politically, Dr. Schooley is an earnest republican and at all times recognizes the duties and obligations of citizenship, which he fully meets. He is president of the school board of Terril and was a member of the board at the time of the erection of the new consolidated school building, which was put up at a cost of fifty thousand dollars. He does everything in his power to advance and improve the educational system, recognizing that public instruction is one of the bulwarks of the nation. Fraternally he is connected with Richloyd Lodge, No. 612, A. F. & A. M., with Spirit Lake Chapter, No. 132, R. A. M., and with the Modern Woodmen of America. He also belongs to the Dickinson County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and his ability is widely recognized by colleagues and contemporaries in the profession. He never deviates from a course which he believes to be right, but at all times he is careful to conform his practice to the highest standard of professional ethics.

EBEN SEELYE.

Eben Seelye, a valued resident of Huntington, where he has made his home since 1914, was born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, August 8, 1836, and is a son of Shoobel and Martha (Moon) Seelye, who were natives of New York. They removed to Pennsylvania, where the death of the father occurred, and subsequently the mother became a resident of Minnesota, where her remaining days were passed. In their family were nine children but Eben is the only one now living.

Spending his boyhood and youth in Pennsylvania, he mastered the branches of learning taught in the common schools and was a youth of nineteen years when he left the Keystone state for the west. He spent one winter at Elgin, Iowa, and then went to Fillmore county, Minnesota, where he resided until 1871. In that year he became a resident of Martin county, Minnesota, and took up a homestead claim, upon which he lived for six years, during which period he carefully and systematically developed the fields. He then sold out and returned to Fillmore county, Minnesota, where he resided for a number of years. He afterward again became a

resident of Martin county, where he made his home until 1911. In that year Iowa gained a substantial citizen through his removal to Estherville. After living for a short time at that place he returned to Minnesota, settling in Jackson county, but in 1914 established his home in Huntington, Emmet county, where he owns a residence and seventeen lots.

In 1885 Mr. Seelye was united in marriage to Miss Jane Potts, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Ephraim and Elizabeth Potts, both now deceased. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Seelye were seven children: Ella, the wife of G. Payne; Charles; Lanson; Cora; Etta, the wife of F. K. Celley; Walter; and Addie, the wife of Louis Barth.

Mr. Seelye gives his political allegiance to the republican party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has served on the town board but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church and his life has been guided by its teachings. He has now passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey and his has been an honorable and upright career and characterized by fidelity to duty and by straightforwardness in all business relations. In spirit and interests he seems much younger, keeping in touch with the trend of modern thought and progress, and Huntington numbers him among its valued as well as its venerable citizens.

JOHN C. RENO.

John C. Reno, one of the representative farmers of Dickinson county, Iowa, his home being on section 24, Lloyd township, was born in Norway on the 7th of October, 1850, his parents, Christopher and Agatha (Olson) Reno, spent their entire lives in the land of the midnight sun. During his boyhood our subject attended the common schools of Norway and he remained there until nineteen years of age, it being 1869 when he came to the United States. He located in Winneshiek county, Iowa, and found employment as a farm hand. Having no money, he was obliged to borrow ninety dollars in order to pay his passage to this country and on his arrival here was obliged to begin work at once. For the first two years he received fifteen dollars per month and he continued to work for wages for about sixteen years. During that time he saved money and in 1875 was able to purchase his present home farm on section 24, Lloyd township, Dickinson county. He did not locate thereon until 1885, since which time he has devoted his attention untiringly to the operation of his farm. Here he now owns one hundred and sixty acres of some of the most productive land in the county and in its cultivation he has met with most excellent success.

On the 12th of December, 1885, Mr. Reno married Miss Mary Ellingson, of Dickinson county, who passed away September 6, 1896. To Mr. and Mrs. Reno were born five children, four of whom survive, namely:

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Oliver O., at home; Emma J., now engaged in teaching school in Superior, Dickinson county; and Mattie J. and Andrew R., both at home. Amanda was born December 3, 1886, and died March 10, 1904.

Mr. Reno affiliates with the republican party, and, although not an office seeker, has been called upon to serve as township treasurer. In religious faith he and his family are Lutherans but they are now attending the Methodist Episcopal church, there being no Lutheran church nearer than Estherville. Wherever known they are held in high esteem and they have a host of warm friends in both Emmet and Dickinson counties.

ELLEF E. ELLEFSON.

The northwest quarter of section 2, Twelve Mile Lake township, in Emmet county, is the farm property of Ellef E. Ellefson, a self-made man whose life indicates what may be accomplished through determined purpose and unfaltering industry. He was born in Hallingdal, Norway, December 2, 1869, a son of Ellef and Birgit (Knutson) Ellefson, who came to the United States when their son Ellef was a babe of but six months. They established their home in Emmet county in 1870 and the father purchased a homestead right covering the tract of land upon which the subject of this review now resides. There he engaged in farming for many years, becoming one of the active and representative agriculturists of his district as well as one of its substantial and valued citizens, for he took an active interest in public affairs and supported all movements that he believed would benefit the community. His fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth, called him to serve in various township offices. He passed away in 1910, his remains being interred in Riverside cemetery, but his widow still survives and on the 18th of January, 1917, celebrated the eighty-seventh anniversary of her birth, being still in good health. In the family were but two children, the younger being a daughter, Anna, who is now the wife of Nels Michelson, of Twelve Mile Lake township. By a former marriage the mother had a daughter, Gumil, who was the wife of Severt Severtson, of Twelve Mile Lake township, but is now deceased.

Reared in Emmet county, Ellef E. Ellefson of this review attended the district schools to the age of thirteen years and afterward gave his undivided attention to the work of the home farm until he reached the age of twenty. He then rented the home place for three years, after which he purchased the property, of which he is still the owner, so that it has been continuously in possession of the family for forty-seven years and his labors have largely converted it into the productive and valuable tract which it is today. In addition to the home farm Mr. Ellefson owns a house and lot in Wallingford on Fifteenth street, near Wall street.

In 1892 Mr. Ellefson was married to Miss Julia Michelson, a daugh-

ter of Michael and Anna (Olson) Michelsen, of Dickinson county, Iowa. Her father passed away and was laid to rest in Riverside cemetery, but the mother is now living with her son Nels. Mr. and Mrs. Ellefson have one son, Elmer Martinus. They are members of the United Norwegian Lutheran church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful interest, Mr. Ellefson serving as church treasurer for a number of years. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he is now filling the office of township trustee. He has also been school director and he is interested in all that pertains to public progress in his community. He represents one of the old-time families of the county and his memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. He has done much to promote agricultural development and his labors have been productive of good results.

WILLIAM P. GALLOWAY, D. D. S.

Dr. William P. Galloway, ex-mayor of Estherville and one of the leading dentists of that city, is one of Iowa's native sons, having been born in Union on the 26th of December, 1861, a son of John and Lydia (Haas) Galloway, both of whom were natives of Ohio. He was the third in order of birth in their family of twelve children, two of whom died in infancy. In early life the father followed the cooper's trade but later engaged in farming and spent his last years in retirement at Marshalltown, Iowa, where he passed away October 6, 1913. His widow is still living there. In 1906 they celebrated their golden wedding.

Dr. Galloway began his education in the district schools near his boyhood home and subsequently attended the high school at Union, Iowa, and completed a commercial course in the college at Valparaiso, Indiana, from which he was graduated in 1883. For one year he was engaged as bookkeeper in a general store and bank at Melbourne, Iowa, and for three years taught school in Hardin county, this state.

On the 27th of August, 1885, Dr. Galloway was united in marriage to Miss Belle Northam, whose parents were residents of Indiana. To this union two children were born: Vera, who is now Mrs. P. J. Christensen, of Spirit Lake; and J. Carlton, who is a graduate of the Iowa State Agricultural College at Ames and is now principal of the high school at Sanburn, Iowa. He is also married.

For one year after his marriage Dr. Galloway was principal of the public schools of New Providence, Iowa, while his wife had charge of the primary department. The following year he accepted a position in the auditor's office of the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad at Marshalltown, where he remained for five years, during which time he was promoted to chief clerk in the ticket auditing department and served as such one year. For a short time he studied dentistry under Drs. Billings & Whinnery, of Marshallown, and for two years continued his studies in

the University of Iowa. He was then given a permit to practice, receiving the highest marking ever received by an undergraduate student applying for a permanent permit. He bought a practice in Union, Iowa, where he remained until 1895, and then sold out in order to enter the Philadelphia College of Dentistry, from which he received his degree of D. D. S. in 1896. The Doctor then reentered practice at Marshalltown, remaining there until coming to Estherville in 1900. Here he practiced in partnership with his brother, Dr. C. C. Galloway, now of Washington, D. C., until 1904, when he purchased his brother's interest in the business and has since been alone. He has met with good success in his chosen profession and is regarded as one of the foremost dentists of this part of the state.

The republican party has always found in Dr. Galloway a stanch supporter of its principles and he has been called upon to fill official positions of honor and trust. He was a member of the city council of Estherville from 1903 to 1905, inclusive, and served as mayor of the city in 1906 and 1907. During his administration the city water plant was purchased and the deep well system superseded the old river system, which was a decided improvement. The Doctor labored untiringly for the interests of the city and never withheld his support from any measure which he believed would prove of public benefit. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and is past master of the Masonic blue lodge at Estherville and past noble grand of the Odd Fellows lodge. He is now serving as president of the Commercial Club and in this capacity is prominently identified with the upbuilding and development of the city.

CHARLES BLAIR.

Charles Blair, a merchant of Hoprig, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, on the 7th of February, 1860, a son of Charles and Margaret (Dick) Blair, who were also natives of the land of hills and heather and there spent their entire lives, the father being connected with the wholesale stationery business.

Charles Blair when a youth of fourteen was apprenticed to the wholesale paper business, receiving about fifty dollars for his first year's services, out of which sum he paid for his board and also purchased his clothing. He remained with that house for six years and in 1881 he came to the United States, arriving in Emmetsburg, Palo Alto county, Iowa, on the 2d of April of that year. Two weeks later he removed to Emmet county and for six months he worked for his board for Joe Hardy. He afterward spent eighteen months in the employ of Samuel Blair, again working for his board, but during that period he was gaining valuable experience together with a knowledge of American manners and customs and, furthermore, a knowledge of land values. At the end of that time he bought three hundred and twenty acres of land

for his brother, John G. Blair, and for two years operated the farm, or until his brother came to America. The brothers then cultivated the place in partnership for five years, at the end of which time Charles Blair went to Chicago, where he was employed in the wholesale grocery house of Sprague, Warner & Company, with whom he continued for fifteen years. Later he became identified with the Northern Trust Company Bank of Chicago, with which he remained for five years. On his return to Emmet county he established a mercantile business at Hoprig, with which he has since been identified.

Mr. Blair was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Thompson, of Emmetsburg, who passed away two years later. His political allegiance is given to the republican party but he does not seek nor desire the honors and emoluments of office, preferring to concentrate his efforts and interests upon his business affairs.

JOHN C. LARSEN.

A well improved farm property is that owned by John C. Larsen on section 10, Twelve Mile Lake township, and he is leading a life of well directed energy, enterprise and thrift in conducting his farm. He was born in Norway, August 23, 1871, his parents being Lars and Inger (Johnson) Larsen, who spent their entire lives in the land of the midnight sun and there reared their family of nine children, of whom five are yet living.

John C. Larsen was reared and educated in Norway and in 1889 he came to the new world, being then a youth of eighteen years. He had heard favorable reports concerning the opportunities afforded to young men on this side of the Atlantic and he resolved to win success if it could be done through earnest, persistent and honorable effort. He first took up his abode in Jones county, Iowa, where he worked as a farm hand and later he embarked in the grocery business in Monticello, Iowa, but eventually sold out there and came to Emmet county. Here he invested in his present farm on section 10, Twelve Mile Lake township, and has since given his undivided time and attention to its further development and improvement. His fields are now highly cultivated according to modern methods and all of his work in systematically done, so that he annually gathers substantial harvests, while his farm constitutes one of the attractive features of the landscape.

In 1909 Mr. Larsen was united in marriage to Miss Johanna Lavold who was born in Norway, and they have become parents of three children: Lester, Trygve and Inger. Mr. and Mrs. Larsen hold membership in the Lutheran church and he exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for here he has found the opportunities which he sought and which, by the way, are

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always open to ambitious, energetic young men. He has never held to false standards of life but has ever realized that industry is the basis of all honorable success and by hard work he has won his present creditable position as a substantial farmer of Twelve Mile Lake township.

PAUL PAULSON.

Paul Paulson, who is now successfully engaged in farming on section 36, Estherville township, has spent his entire life in Emmet county, his birth occurring in High Lake township on the 14th of December, 1871. His parents, Paul and Carrie (Ellingson) Paulson, were natives of Norway and were among the first settlers of High Lake township, where the father secured a homestead and engaged in farming for many years. He died in March, 1882, and the mother passed away in the following July. Paul is the youngest child and only son in their family of four children, his sisters being Sarah, deceased; Julia, now Mrs. A. J. Anderson, of High Lake; and Carrie, now Mrs. Ole Newgard, of Pierce county, North Dakota.

Mr. Paulson of this review began his studies in the district schools of Emmet county, which he attended until sixteen years of age, and in the meantime acquired an excellent knowledge of farm work while assisting his father in the labors of the home place. On starting out in life for himself he was employed on neighboring farms until he attained his majority and later operated the home place for a time and also engage in farming on rented land in High Lake township. In 1911 he purchased fifty acres on the southeast corner of section 36, Estherville township, and has since devoted his time and energy to its improvement and cultivation with good results.

In 1900 Mr. Paulson was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Peterson, a daughter of William and Carrie Peterson, of High Lake township. Her parents are both deceased and lie buried in High Lake cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Paulson have three children, Myra, Chester and Francis. They are earnest and consistent members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and are most estimable people. By his ballot Mr. Paulson supports the men and measures of the republican party.

A. J. ANDERSON.

A. J. Anderson, actively and successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in High Lake township, Emmet county, his home being on section 14, has resided within the borders of this county for forty-six years or since 1871, at which time he arrived here with his parents when a lad of ten summers. He was born in Norway, March 16, 1861, a son of Ole and

Haldir (Paulson) Anderson, who were also natives of the same country. They continued in the land of the midnight sun until 1871, when they bade adieu to friends and native country and sailed with their family to America. Making their way into the interior of the country, they settled upon a farm in Emmet county, Iowa, where the father built a log cabin which they occupied for a number of years. It was in this county that the mother passed away, but the father is still living and has long been one of the honored and respected agriculturists of this section of the state.

A. J. Anderson was reared in the usual manner of farm boys, dividing his time between the work of the fields and the acquirement of a public school education. He remained at home up to the time of his marriage, which occurred in 1888, Miss Julia Paulson becoming his wife. She was born in Wisconsin, a daughter of Paul and Kari (Ellingson) Paulson, who were natives of Norway but came to America in the latter '50s and in 1864 removed to Emmet county, Iowa, taking up their abode upon a farm which continued to be their home throughout their remaining days. They had a family of eight children, of whom three are now living. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson became the parents of four children, but Ada J., the eldest, and Hilma Odella, the youngest, are the only ones now living. They lost two daughters, Hazel O. and Petra C.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Anderson took up their abode upon the farm which is now their home, at first renting the property but later purchasing it. The place comprises one hundred and ninety-six acres on section 14, High Lake township, and constitutes today one of the best improved farms of the locality, equipped with every modern convenience and accessory found upon a model farm of the twentieth century. His attention is devoted to the cultivation of those cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also to stock raising, and his labors are attended with a gratifying measure of success.

Mr. Anderson gives his political allegiance to the republican party but has never sought nor desired office. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and their well-spent lives have gained for them the warm and enduring regard of many friends. Mr. Anderson is a thoroughly reliable and progressive business man, and his well-directed efforts as an agriculturist have brought him substantial success.

PETER O. BJORENSON.

Peter O. Bjorenson, now serving as cashier of the First National Bank of Milford, Iowa, is one of Dickinson county's native sons, his birth occurring in Orleans, November 18, 1886. His parents, Ole and Inger (Pederson) Bjorenson, were both born in Norway. Before the Civil war the father came to the United States and located in Waseca, Minnesota, where he resided for some time, but in 1872 took up a homestead in Diamond Lake township, Dickinson county, Iowa, where he lived for a num-

ber of years, his time and attention being devoted to its improvement and cultivation. On leaving the farm he was appointed superintendent of the fish hatchery at Orleans and filled that position until failing health caused his retirement in 1896. His last days were spent in Spirit Lake, where he passed away April 19, 1914, at the age of sixty-nine years. His widow is still living.

In the acquiring of an education Peter O. Bjorenson attended the public schools of Spirit Lake and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1902. In the fall of the same year he entered the First National Bank of Milford as bookkeeper and served in that capacity until 1910, when he was made assistant cashier. On the 1st of January, 1917, he was elected cashier and is now filling that position in a most creditable and satisfactory manner. His long connection with this bank has well fitted him for the responsible office he now holds and he is regarded as one of the representative young business men of the town.

On the 18th of November, 1914, Mr. Bjorenson was united in marriage to Miss Bessie M. Cutting, of Iowa Falls, and they have a son, Ellis Olin, born October 24, 1915. They hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Milford, and by his ballot Mr. Bjorenson supports the men and measures of the republican party.

JULIUS M. JENSEN.

Julius M. Jensen is one of the prominent merchants of Ringsted, his general store being well stocked and well patronized. A native of Iowa, he was born in Kossuth county, January 1, 1878, of the marriage of Peter W. and Maria (Jacobson) Jensen, natives of Norway. The father was a farmer and was held in high esteem in his community. He passed away in Ringsted and is buried in the Norwegian Lutheran cemetery at Seneca, but the mother survives and makes her home in Ringsted. To them were born five sons and four daughters.

Julius M. Jensen attended school during the winter months until he was nineteen years old and for three more years remained at home assisting his father with the farm work. He then cultivated land on his own account for two years in Kossuth county, after which he conducted a general store in Odin, Minnesota, for three years. Upon leaving that place he located in Ringsted, Emmet county, and for four years engaged in the furniture business here but then disposed of those interests and bought out the general store formerly conducted by A. C. Pies. He carries an up-to-date and well-chosen line of dry goods, groceries and shoes and the attractiveness of his stock, combined with the integrity of his business methods, has resulted in the building up of a representative and profitable trade.

On the 20th of March, 1901, Mr. Jensen was married to Miss Sena Christiansen, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Christiansen, who lived for

a number of years in Lonerock, Kossuth county, but passed their last days in honorable retirement in Ringsted. Both are buried in Seneca, Kossuth county. To Mr. and Mrs. Jensen have been born two children: Opal, whose birth occurred in 1903; and Wendell, born in 1910.

The republican party has a stanch adherent in Mr. Jensen and he is now serving as a member of the town council, his fellow citizens having recognized his fitness for official preferment. He is a communicant of the Norwegian Lutheran church and supports heartily the various phases of its work.

ALFRED C. SNYDER.

Alfred C. Snyder, actively engaged in general farming on section 35, Emmet township, is one of the honored veterans of the Civil war and since 1892 has made his home in Emmet county. He was born in Washington county, Maryland, on the 26th of March, 1843, and is a son of Christian and Jane (Wright) Snyder. In 1855 the family removed to Indiana and in 1862 became residents of Ford county, Illinois, where the parents spent their remaining days. They had ten children, of whom three are yet living.

Alfred C. Snyder was a little lad of twelve years at the time the family left his native state and went to Indiana, and he was a young man of nineteen at the time of the removal to Illinois. He there remained at home until he attained his majority, when he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting as a member of Company B. Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, in 1864. He served with that command for one year in defense of the Union and was mustered out at New Orleans with the close of the war. When the country no longer needed his military aid he returned to Illinois and was there engaged in farming for many years or until 1892, when he came to Iowa, establishing his home on section 35, Emmet township, in Emmet county. He first purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land and afterward extended his possessions by the purchase of a quarter section on section 16 of the same township. He now has valuable farming interests and from his fields annually gathers rich and substantial harvests which place him in comfortable financial circumstances.

Mr. Snyder was married about 1870 to Miss Vermelia Steinbaugh, a native of Indiana, by whom he had three children, namely: Effa J., who gave her hand in marriage to M. R. Weir and has six children; Henry N.; and Fletcher C. The wife and mother passed away October 12, 1905, and was laid to rest in Oak Hill cemetery.

Mr. Snyder is a republican in his political views, having supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has served as township assessor, as collector and for a number of years as school director and is ever deeply interested in the welfare and progress of the community in which he makes his home. He maintains pleasant

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relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Vandenberg Post, No. 365, G. A. R. He is a self-made man and owes his success entirely to his indefatigable effort, his persistency of purpose and his honorable business methods. During the years of his residence in Emmet county he has become widely known and enjoys the friendship of many with whom he has been brought in contact.

JOHN A. NELSON.

John A. Nelson, assistant cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank at Wallingford, is a native son of Emmet county and is regarded as one of the progressive young business men of his city. He was born March 3, 1887, a son of Nels L. and Olina (Bendixson) Nelson, both of whom were natives of Norway. In early life they came to America and Nels L. Nelson took up his abode upon a farm in Emmet county, devoting many years to the further development and improvement of his land, which he converted into rich and productive fields. He passed away in 1911 and is still survived by his widow. In their family were eleven children, ten of whom are yet living.

John A. Nelson was educated in the common schools and in a college at Forest City, Iowa, from which he was graduated with the class of 1909. He made his initial step in the business world as a stenographer in the Iowa Savings Bank at Estherville, where he remained for a year, on the expiration of which period he removed to Mohall, North Dakota, where he remained in a bank for a year. He then came to Emmet county and through the intervening period has occupied the position of assistant cashier in the Farmers Savings Bank at Wallingford. He is making an excellent record in this connection, a record characterized by thorough reliability, faithfulness and efficiency in the tasks assigned him. He is also the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 14, Twelve Mile Lake township, which is well improved and returns to him a gratifying annual income.

In 1915 Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Emma Egertson, a native of Emmet county and a daughter of Halvor and Christina Egertson, who were natives of Norway and in early life came to the new world. Both are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have become the parents of a son, Norton Harold, who was born August 20, 1916.

They are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Nelson gives his political allegiance to the republican party, in the work of which he takes an active and helpful interest. He has served as commissioner, as one of the members of the city council of Wallingford and is now town clerk. In the discharge of his public duties he has ever been prompt and faithful, fully recognizing the obligations that devolve upon him, and at all times he is actuated by a public-spirited devotion to the general

good that is above question. In a word he is an alert, enterprising young business man and citizen whose course commands the respect and high regard of those with whom he is brought in contact.

HANS P. NIELSEN

Hans P. Nielsen, who has resided in Denmark township, Emmet county, continuously since 1892, has been a factor in the agricultural development of his locality. A native of Denmark, he was born January 16, 1859, the only child of Rasmus and Martha (Hansen) Nielsen, who passed their entire lives in that country, where the father engaged in farming.

Hans P. Nielsen was educated in the public schools of Denmark, which he attended until he was confirmed, and subsequently he worked on farms there until he attained his majority. He then came to the United States and for the first three years was employed as a farm hand in Champaign county, Illinois, and for eight years worked in a similar capacity in Humboldt county, Iowa. In 1892 he bought the east half of the southeast quarter of section 9, Denmark township, Emmet county, and there he has since made his home. The high state of development to which he has brought the place is evidence of his knowledge of farming and his energy, and the sale of his crops and live stock annually nets him a substantial profit.

In 1897 occurred the marriage of Mr. Nielsen and Miss Catherine Petersen, whose parents, Rasmus and Marie (Stephensen) Petersen, were lifelong residents of Denmark. To Mr. and Mrs. Nielsen have been born three children, Marie Fredericka, Meta Otilia and Lydia Hansina, all at home.

Mr. Nielsen is a stanch supporter of the republican party and is recognized as one of the public-spirited citizens of his community, being always willing to aid worthy public projects. He belongs to St. Paul's Danish Lutheran church and has conformed his life to high ethical standards.

FRITZ BUHR.

Fritz Buhr, who follows farming on section 2, Lloyd township, Dickinson county, was born on the first of May, 1856, in Germany, of which country his parents, Adam and Mary Buhr, were lifelong residents. In his native land he grew to manhood, being provided with good educational privileges, and before leaving Germany was married on the 5th of February, 1882, to Miss Louisa Wischmeier, who was born March 4, 1855. Four weeks later he and his bride bade adieu to friends and native

land and sailed for the new world. They first located in Missouri where they remained for three years, and then removed to Fillmore county, Nebraska, where the following five years were passed. At the end of that time they became residents of Red Willow county in the western part of the latter state where they made their home for twelve years. While there Mr. Buhr purchased five hundred and ten acres of Land on which he erected a good house and barn. After cultivating that place for some time he sold the land for two thousand five hundred dollars.

It was in 1902 that Mr. Buhr brought his family to Dickinson county, Iowa, and purchased his present home farm of one hundred and forty-seven acres on which he has since resided. He also owns a town residence and four lots in Terril, and it is his intention to remove to that place in the near future. He is a wide-awake and progressive farmer, his fields are in a high state of cultivation and everything about the place indicates that he is a practical and progressive business man.

Mr. and Mrs. Buhr have five children, namely: John and George, who own and operate a half section of land at Sanborn, Minnesota; Henry and Fritz, who are operating the home farm in Dickinson county; and Minnie, the wife of Christ Rickwo, a farmer of Emmet county, Iowa. In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Buhr are Lutherans, and wherever known they are held in the highest esteem. At the polls Mr. Buhr supports the men and measures of the republican party and never withholds his support from any enterprise which he believes will prove of public benefit.

JAMES PETERSON.

James Peterson, a highly esteemed farmer who is living retired in Ringsted, was born in Denmark, February 13, 1848, a son of Peter and Mary Anna (Sorenson) Rasmussen. The father was a shoemaker by trade and passed his entire life in his native country, as did the mother. Of their six children only James and a sister came to the United States, arriving in Pottawattamie county, Iowa, in 1881.

James Peterson attended the public schools in Denmark until he was fourteen years old and from that time until he entered the army for the required military service he worked for farmers. After eighteen months of military training he returned to civil life and for eight years was in the employ of a brewer. Following his emigration to the United States he worked as a farm hand in Iowa for two years and subsequently went to Council Bluffs and for three years was connected with railroad work. For a similar period of time he rented a farm in Denmark township, Emmet county, and next removed to Palo Alto county, where he bought land which he farmed for twelve years. On disposing of that place he returned to Denmark township, Emmet county, and

purchased land, to the cultivation of which he devoted his energies for two years. He then put aside the work of the fields and removed to Ringsted, where he has since lived retired. He has also sold his land, so that he has no business cares to prevent his thorough enjoyment of a well deserved leisure.

In 1872 Mr. Peterson was united in marriage to Miss Lena Jensen, whose parents were lifelong residents of Denmark. To this union have been born four children, namely: Peter, who is farming in South Dakota; Mary, now Mrs. Raymond Buchan, of Spencer, Iowa; Joseph S., who is engaged in banking; and Sarah, the deceased wife of Peter Mickelson, of Melville, Missouri.

Mr. Peterson is a democrat in his political affiliations and loyally supports the candidates and measures of that party, although he has never taken an active part in public affairs. He holds membership in the Danish Lutheran church, which indicates the standards which have determined his conduct in the various relations of life and his social qualities have made him highly respected wherever known. He can justly be termed a self-made man, for from the age of fourteen years he has been dependent solely upon his own labor and through the exercise of sound judgment and through years of hard work he has gained a competence.

JOHN H. THOMPSON.

John H. Thompson, a successful farmer residing on section 1, Denmark township, Emmet county, is a representative of the first family to settle in the township and was one of the first white children born there, his birth occurring in a log cabin upon his father's homestead in Emmet county on the 15th of January, 1874. His parents, James L. and Mary (Riebhoff) Thompson, were natives respectively of Fife county, Scotland, and Jesup, Iowa. When a young man of twenty-four years the father came to the United States and for some time he worked as a coal miner near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but in 1865 removed to Emmet county, Iowa, and took up a homestead in Denmark township, of which he was the first settler, arriving seventeen years before the Danish immigration. He came to this county from Pennsylvania and his capital amounted to only about one hundred dollars and he not only had to provide for his own support but for that of his family. His first wife died not long after their removal to the west and subsequently he married Miss Riebhoff. It was all that he could do to make a living and during the hard times he walked to Fort Dodge, Iowa, at the beginning of each winter and there worked in the coal mines to earn enough money to provide the barest necessities of life for his family. Under the homestead law he took up the south half of the northeast quarter and the north half of the southeast quarter of section 1, Denmark township, and subsequently bought the northwest

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quarter of section 1 and thirty-four acres on section 36, Armstrong Grove township. He followed agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred on the 30th of April, 1904, six weeks after the demise of his wife, who died March 16th. They are buried in Armstrong cemetery. To their union were born four children: Jennie, now Mrs. W. G. Vandenburg, of Sioux City, Iowa; John H.; Margaret, who is teaching in Lewiston, Idaho; and Elizabeth, who owns a controlling interest in a bank at Ione, Washington.

John H. Thompson attended the Armstrong Grove school until he was ten years old and subsequently went to the Morton Petersen school on section 2, Denmark township, which was established following the settlement of the Danish colony there. From the time that he was seventeen years of age until he attained his majority he gave his entire attention to working for his father upon the home farm. In 1897 he was given eighty acres of the homestead, which he cultivated on his own account, and at the same time he assisted his father in the operation of the remainder of the home place. At the end of three years he rented his father's farm, which he continued to cultivate under lease until the death of his parents in 1904. He has erected fine buildings upon his land and spares no effort to make his farm one of the most highly improved in the township. His up-to-date and practical methods are rewarded by large crops and all phases of the farm work are well managed, so that his annual income is a gratifying one.

Mr. Thompson was married June 10, 1896, to Miss May M. Miller, a daughter of D. S. and Harriett L. (Hall) Miller, natives of New York. They removed from the east to Wisconsin and thence to Algona, Iowa, where the mother died Novmeber 28, 1908, and where the father is still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have been born three children: Lillian, whose birth occurred January 16, 1900; Harold M., born October 21, 1901; and Donald J., born March 17, 1905.

Mr. Thompson gives his political allegiance to the republican party but has never been an office seeker, being content to confine his political activity to the exercise of his right of franchise. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and can be counted upon to further movement seeking the moral welfare of his community. His first interest has always been farming and the betterment of the conditions of country life and he is a director of the Emmet County Farm Improvement Association. He has witnessed the development of the county from the earliest period of white settlement to the present day and finds great pleasure in the knowledge that he and his father before him aided in the transformation of an unbroken prairie region to the present prosperous and up-to-date farming section. In the first years of the residence of the family in this county there seemed little else than hardships in the life here as the crops were barely sufficient to buy provisions, which were brought by stage from Fort Dodge. It was impossible to get credit; there was no market within many miles and the prices of all farm products were ridiculously low. The contrast between conditions in those days and the present is so great

it hardly seems possible that the change could have been wrought within the lifetime of one man, but such has been the marvelous history of the West.

OSCAR N. YOUNG.

The feeling of deep sorrow that spread through Emmet county when it was learned that Oscar N. Young had passed away, showed that death had removed one whom the community could ill afford to lose. His splendid qualities of manhood and of citizenship had given him high place in public regard, and his work was of substantial worth to the district in which he lived, contributing to general development and progress as well as to individual success. A native of Mahaska county, Iowa, he was born June 24, 1859, of the marriage of Amos T. and Sarah J. (Sleeth) Young, who with wagon and ox team removed from Indiana to Iowa, casting in their lot among the pioneer settlers of Mahaska county, where the father followed farming for many years. Both he and his wife lie buried at Lacey in that county.

Oscar N. Young, who was one of a family of six children divided his time between farm work and attendance at the district schools until seventeen years of age, after which his entire attention was given to the work of the fields on the old home place for four years longer. On attaining his majority he rented a farm in his native county and subsequently purchased land there, which he cultivated until 1896. In that year he arrived in Emmet county and purchased a farm in Jack Creek township which at that time was a tract of raw prairie without improvements. His labors wrought an immediate transformation in the appearance of the place whereon he remained until 1905, when he removed to Ringsted to give his children the better opportunities of the public schools. In 1908 he returned to the farm but again took up his abode in Ringsted, after which he spent his winters in the city and the summer months on his farm near Winnipeg, Canada. He was one of the original directors of the Hoprig Creamery and his business judgment was a contributing element to the success of that undertaking. He was also a member of the board of directors of the Emmet County Mutual Insurance Company. His farm interests were carefully and wisely managed, bringing to him substantial success. He was a man of too great energy to be content without some business interest, and following his removal to Ringsted, having purchased a large amount of stock in the Ringsted Bank, he was elected to its presidency and so continued until his demise.

On the 12th of February, 1888, Mr. Young was married to Miss Ada B. Kelly, a daughter of John and Kathryn (Gross) Kelly, who lived in Henry county, Iowa, for a considerable period but afterward removed to Mahaska county. Her father passed away but her mother still sur-

vives. Mr. and Mrs. Young became the parents of three children: Edith, the wife of H. W. Jensen, of Ringsted; Blanche, a teacher in the public schools of Sioux Falls; and Harry L., who is a student in the Iowa College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts at Ames.

Mr. Young was a stalwart supporter of the republican party and held a number of township offices, although he was not a politician, preferring to give the greater part of his time and attention to the management of his business affairs. Since her husband's death Mrs. Young has had the management of his interests, in which work she displays most creditable ability. She owns a half section of land twelve miles from Winnipeg, Canada, besides the interests left her in Emmet county. The death of Mr. Young occurred on the 16th of July, 1915. He was then a man in the prime of life and it seemed that he should have been spared for years to come. One of the local papers wrote of him: "He was a man of generous impulses and never forgot the hospitable ways of the pioneer. He had borne adversity bravely and enjoyed prosperity quietly. In the relations of son, brother, husband, father and friend he had met every duty and obligation. At all times and under all circumstances he walked in the well beaten path of righteousness, and from the beauty of his life one may well gain inspiration."

LORENZO LOUGH.

For over a quarter of a century Lorenzo Lough has been in the service of what is now the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company as one of its trusted employes. He was born in Scott county, Minnesota, on the 19th of April, 1870, and is the sixth in order of birth in a family of seven children, whose parents were James W. and Alcy Ann (Darland) Lough, natives of Indiana. In 1857 they became pioneers of Minnesota, where the father followed farming until 1877, when he decided to move to Missouri and started south, driving a large herd of cattle. Stopping at Estherville, Iowa, he was so well pleased with the place that he purchased a farm at the edge of town and took up his abode thereon. When the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad was built through Estherville in 1882 he laid out two additions to the town but continued to farm the remainder of his place. For two years prior to his death, however, he conducted a general store under the firm name of the Estherville Mercantile Company. He passed away in September, 1906, and was buried in the East Side cemetery. His widow now resides at 1009 East Robert street, Estherville.

Lorenzo Lough was only seven years of age when the family came to Iowa and here he grew to manhood, acquiring his education in the public schools of Estherville. Until he attained his majority he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm and then started as a fireman on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, now a part

of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad. In 1901 he was promoted to engineer and has since served in that capacity.

Mr. Lough was married in 1893 to Miss Minnie B. Neville, a daughter of Oswald and Mary Neville, old settlers of Estherville who are still living. To this union have been born three children: Harold, William Emerald and Frances Marian, all at home. The family occupy a fine residence on the west side and are held in the highest esteem by all who know them. Mr. Lough is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, of the Masonic blue lodge and Eastern Star chapter, and is also identified with the First Church of Christ, Scientist.

HERMAN R. MADSEN.

Herman R. Madsen, who is engaged in stock raising upon the family homestead on section 3, Denmark township, was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, August 14, 1889. His parents, Peter and Margaret (Madsen) Madsen, were born in Denmark, but were married in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The father was engaged in railroad work there and in the '90s removed with his family to Denmark township, Emmet county, and bought the south half of section 3, which was but little improved when it came into his possession. He succeeded in accumulating a competence and from time to time made improvements upon the place, which became at length one of the most highly developed farms of the locality. He was active in politics and filled practically all the township offices. He belonged to St. Paul's Danish Lutheran church and is interred in its cemetery. He passed away on the 2d of May, 1910, but was survived until April 1, 1915, by his wife, who is buried at his side. To them were born six children, namely: Herman R.; John and Eleanor, both residing in Ringsted; Sophia; Agnes; and Clara, who died at the age of eleven and is buried in St. Paul's cemetery.

The education of Herman R. Madsen was acquired in the district schools, which he attended until he was twelve years of age, and through assisting his father he became thoroughly familiar with all phases of farm work. Following the latter's death Mr. Madsen of this review acquired title to the home farm, which he has since operated on his own account. He raises considerable stock as well as the usual grains and so manages his affairs as to secure a handsome profit from the sale of the farm produce.

On the 3d of June, 1913, Mr. Madsen was married to Miss Ingeborg Thomsen, a daughter of Knud and Gina (Nielsen) Thomsen, who were born in Denmark but emigrated to America, locating first in Grundy county, Iowa, and later removing to Denmark township, Emmet county, where the father is still engaged in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Madsen are the parents of three children, Amelia, Clara and Gina.

Mr. Madsen is a republican but his activity in politics has never

extended beyond the exercise of his right of franchise. In religious faith he is a Danish Lutheran and his church membership is held in St. Paul's. He possesses the same perseverance, good judgment and industry that enabled his father to acquire a competence by his own unaided efforts and he, too, ranks among the prosperous and substantial agriculturists of the county.

JOHN DUNDAS.

For many years John Dundas was actively identified with the agricultural interests of this section of the state but his last days were spent in retirement in Estherville, where he passed away on the 6th of July, 1915, honored and respected by all who knew him. He was born in Ireland, May 1, 1838, a son of James and Anne Dundas, who emigrated with their family to the new world when John was only four years of age. They first located near Quebec, Canada, where the father engaged in farming for a few years, but in 1861 removed to De Kalb county, Illinois, living there for five years. At the end of that time he came to Emmet county, Iowa, and took up a homestead in Armstrong Grove township, where he followed farming until his death. The mother is also deceased and both were laid to rest in the Armstrong cemetery.

John Dundas accompanied his parents on their various removals until the family came to Emmet county, when he took up a homestead just over the line in Kossuth county. There he successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1893, when he retired to Estherville and built a home on the west side. He lived there until 1913, when he removed to another residence on the same side, it continuing to be the place of his abode until called from this life.

On the 7th of April, 1868, Mr. Dundas was united in marriage to Miss Jane Gibbon, a daughter of William and Jane Gibbon, who were born in England and on crossing the Atlantic settled near Montreal, Canada, but later came to Iowa, the family becoming residents of Winneshiek county when Mrs. Dundas was quite small. Mr. Gibbon took up a homestead in Kossuth county, ten miles from Armstrong, about the same time the Dundas family located in that neighborhood. Fifteen years later, however, Mr. and Mrs. Gibbon removed to Oregon, settling in the Willamette valley, near Salem, where both died and were buried. All the brothers and sisters of Mrs. Dundas still live in that locality.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dundas, namely: Frank H., now a resident of Armstrong; Anna, the deceased wife of Arthur Lewis of Armstrong; Jane, now the widow of James Carroll of Kossuth county and a resident of Armstrong; Carrie, the wife of U. V. James of Estherville; William, who died in infancy; Mina, who died at the age of nine years; and Dora, now Mrs. William Hirth, livng near Armstrong.

By his ballot Mr. Dundas supported the men and measures of the republican party and was called upon to fill a number of township offices while a resident of Kossuth county. He was an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his widow also belongs, and their circle of friends was almost coextensive with their circle of acquaintances. Although he started out in life with nothing, Mr. Dundas was able to leave his family in comfortable circumstances for he was a man of good business ability and met with success in his undertakings.

A. W. BASCOM.

A. W. Bascom, president of the First National Bank, formerly engaged in the grain business in Terril, ranks among the prosperous and successful citizens of Dickinson county, where he has now made his home for almost a third of a century. A native of Iowa, he was born in Farmersburg, Clayton county, on the 27th of February, 1859, and is a son of J. S. and Phoebe (Spencer) Bascom. The father was a native of Vermont, but the mother was born in Wisconsin. It was in 1854 that they became residents of Clayton county, Iowa, where they lived on a farm until 1866, in which year they removed to Clinton county, Iowa. In the latter county they continued to make their home until called to the world beyond. In their family were five children, four of whom are still living.

A. W. Bascom was six years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Clinton county, where he grew to manhood. He attended the local schools in the acquirement of an education and while aiding his father on the farm became thoroughly familiar with agricultural pursuits. Coming to Dickinson county in 1885 he located on a farm in Lloyd township and devoted his time and energies to its cultivation and improvement until 1900, when he removed to Terril, where he engaged in the grain business for twelve years. He is president of the First National Bank, of which he was one of the organizers and which is one of the leading financial institutions of the county, the men at its head being good reliable business men who have the confidence of the public. Mr. Bascom is the owner of considerable valuable farming land in Dickinson county and elsewhere.

In 1904 he was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Leeser, a native of Oregon and a daughter of W. J. and Loretta A. (Wilson) Leeser. Her father is now deceased but her mother is still living in Oregon. Mrs. Bascom is a member of the Episcopal church and is a most estimable lady.

Fraternally, Mr. Bascom is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and Lodge No. 612, A. F. & A. M., in which he has held office. The republican party has always found in him a stanch supporter of its principles and he is now serving as county supervisor in a most credit-

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able and acceptable manner. He was also township trustee for seven years and has been school director in his district. As a business man he occupies a position of prominence in the community and the success that has come to him is but the merited reward of his own well-directed efforts.

WESLEY ROBB.

Since 1893 Wesley Robb has been a resident of Emmet county and has been prominently identified with its farming and stock raising interests. He now makes his home in Estherville and is engaged in feeding and selling stock, doing quite an extensive business in that line. He was born in Grundy county, Illinois, February 13, 1855, and is the youngest of three children whose parents were Andrew Jackson and Betsey (Hultz) Robb, natives of Ohio. In the early '40s they removed to Illinois and for many years the father followed farming in Grundy county, where both parents died and were buried.

At the usual age Wesley Robb entered the district schools of his native county and continued his education until sixteen years old. During his minority he gave his father the benefit of his services in the operation of the home farm and in this early way acquired an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits. At the age of twenty-one he began farming on rented land in Grundy county, Illinois, and later purchased a tract of land in that county, where he continued farming until 1893. That year witnessed his arrival in Emmet county, Iowa, and he bought two hundred and forty acres in Denmark township but never farmed it. In 1894 he purchased a quarter section in Estherville township, to which he later added another one hundred and sixty acres, and he continued farming there for ten years. Since then he has made his home in Estherville, where he owns a nice residence at 515 North Seventh street, and is now engaged in feeding and selling stock. Besides his city property he owns six hundred and forty acres—all of section 29, Emmet township—also the east half of section 32, and a half interest in the southwest quarter of section 6, Twelve Mile Lake township, Emmet county.

In 1879 Mr. Robb was united in marriage to Miss Udora Clow, a daughter of John and Mary Clow of Grundy county, Illinois, where both passed away. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Robb are: George, who follows farming in Estherville township; Ida, the wife of Arthur Brown, of Emmet township; Walter, a banker of Alexander, North Dakota; Ollie, the wife of Benjamin Rugtin, of West Bend, Iowa; Pearl, now Mrs. Carl Egbert, of Estherville; and Laura and Emmet, both at home.

Fraternally, Mr. Robb is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and religiously both he and his wife are identified with the Methodist church. His political support is given the republican party

and he is now serving as a member of the school board of Estherville, while for two terms he was a member of the city council. He is a wide-awake, energetic business man whose success in life is due to his own unaided efforts for he started out empty handed and the prosperity that has come to him is but the just reward of his industry and good management. He is now the owner of much valuable property and is numbered among the substantial citizens of the community.

ANDREAS CARL C. RIES.

Andreas Carl C. Ries, a well-known citizen of Ringsted, was for a number of years engaged in farming and also devoted a considerable period to merchandising. He was for a time the proprietor of a general store in Ringsted and later became connected with a cement tile manufactory, in which he still owns a financial interest although he is not actively engaged in its management. He was born in Schleswig, Germany, May 21, 1866, a son of Ludvig A. and Sabina Maria (Bruun) Ries, natives respectively of Schleswig and of Denmark. In 1881 they came to the United States with their family and after residing in Clinton, Iowa, for a year came to Emmet county and bought land on section 5, Denmark township. The father farmed that tract almost until his death in 1900, a year after the demise of his wife. Both are buried in St. Paul's cemetery at Ringsted. The father took an active interest in public affairs and held a number of local political offices and was also treasurer of the school board. He was one of the first settlers in his locality and was a factor in its development along agricultural lines.

Andreas C. C. Ries attended the public schools in Schleswig until he was confirmed and following the removal of the family to the United States gave his father the benefit of his labor until he attained his majority. From that time until 1890 he farmed in partnership with his father and brothers, Hans J. and Peter A. Ries. Upon serving that connection he went to Clinton, Iowa, where he was employed in a store for three years, and then was for four and a half years manager of a general store at Armstrong owned by his brother Hans. In the meantime he purchased the southeast quarter of section 5, Denmark township, and at length took up his residence on that place, devoting six years to its cultivation. Subsequently he bought a store building at Ringsted from William Nelsen. Upon disposing of that property he became part owner of a cement tile manufacturing business in Ringsted, in which he is still interested financially although he is no longer active in its management. He is living retired in the enjoyment of a leisure won by his industry and wise direction of his affairs in past years. He has built a fine modern home and is surrounded with all the comforts of life. He also owns the southeast quarter of section 5, twenty-six acres of the southwest quarter of

the same section and the northeast quarter of section 9, all in Denmark township.

Mr. Ries was married in 1901 to Miss Petrina Nielsen, a daughter of Jens and Karen Nielsen, lifelong residents of Denmark. To this union has been born one son, Sarlock Manfred, at home. Mr. Ries supports the republican party at the polls and was formerly town councilman and is now township clerk. He has discharged to the full satisfaction of his constituents all of the obligations resting upon him as an official and has constantly placed the public welfare above all other considerations. He is a member of St. John's Danish Lutheran church and the sincerity of his faith is evidenced in the integrity of his daily life.

LEWIS JACOBSON.

For over forty years Lewis Jacobson has been a resident of Emmet county and he now owns and operates a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres, comprising the southeast quarter of section 34, Estherville township. He was born in Dane county, Wisconsin, March 1, 1857, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Gilbertson) Thorson, natives of Norway, where they were reared and married. Crossing the Atlantic, they settled in Dane county, Wisconsin, in 1848, and were numbered among the pioneers of that locality. There the father owned a tract of one hundred and sixty acres, on which he engaged in farming until his death in 1870. The mother survived him for many years, passing away at the home of a son in Dane county in 1908, and both were laid to rest in a cemetery near Perry, Wisconsin.

Lewis Jacobson attended the district schools near his boyhood home as he found opportunity, but during the busy season his services were needed on the farm and he continued to aid in its operation until nineteen years of age. At that time he came to Emmet county, Iowa, and has since made his home in Estherville township. Two years after his arrival he purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 34. He has placed many useful and valuable improvements upon the place and has been very successful in its operation.

In 1880 occurred the marriage of Mr. Jacobson and Miss Kristi Paulson, who is a native of Norway and a daughter of Tullof and Julia (Olson) Paulson. At an early day her parents came to the new world and settled in Estherville township, Emmet county, Iowa. Both are now deceased and are buried in Riverside cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson have been born nine children, namely: Mary, now the wife of Andrew Bamble, of Lemmon, South Dakota; Augusta K. and Jacob, both at home; Tilda, the wife of James Kasa, of Riviera, Minnesota; Pauline, the wife of Ben Nelson, of Estherville township, Emmet county; and Lydia, Alpha, Eda and Cecil, all at home. The family are communicants of the Norwegian Lutheran church and Mr. Jacobson is a republican

in politics. He has served on the school board in his district and does all in his power to promote the moral and educational interests of his community.

WILEY S. LAMBERT.

During almost a half century, or for forty-eight years, Wiley S. Lambert has resided in Spirit Lake township, and during that time has aided in the development of Dickinson county. There have been marvelous changes in conditions since he arrived here in pioneer days and the story of the achievement of a half century seems almost incredible. He was born in Madison county, Indiana, on the 15th of June, 1843, a son of John and Nancy (Brown) Lambert. The father was born near Stanton, West Virginia, but when twenty-eight years of age removed to Indiana, where he was married and lived for some time. In 1853, however, he removed with his family to Winneshiek county, Iowa, and there purchased a good farm, which he operated until he reached the age of seventy-three years. He then retired from active life and from that time until his death made his home with his son, Wiley S., in Dickinson county, dying here in 1880 at the age of eighty years. The mother, who was a Hoosier by birth, was reared and educated in Madison county, Indiana, and passed away at the home of her son, Wiley S., in 1906, when eighty-nine years old.

Wiley S. Lambert began his education in the public schools of Madison county, Indiana, but completed it in the schools of Winneshiek county, Iowa, having accompanied his parents thither in 1853. He remained there until 1869, when he came to Dickinson county, Iowa, and took up a homestead on section 25, Spirit Lake township. The place was raw land when it come into his possession but as soon as possible he broke the virgin prairie sod and planted his land to the usual crops. His homestead comprises one hundred and sixty acres and he also owns a one hundred and sixty acre tract adjoining, which he bought in 1888 and on which his residence now stands. He also holds title to a quarter section of improved land in Jackson county, Minnesota, just across the state line, and he is in very comfortable circumstances indeed. While actively engaged in farming he raised Polled Angus cattle of good grade and also harvested large crops of grain annually. He aided in organizing the Farmers' Telephone Company, which has had a prosperous existence and has given its subscribers good service. For the past eight years he has lived retired upon his farm, leaving its cultivation to his son.

It was on the 13th of December, 1877, in Dickinson county, that Mr. Lambert was united in marriage to Miss Mary Allen, who was born in Winneshiek county but was brought by her parents to Dickinson county when twelve years of age. She was a student in the public schools here and after putting aside her textbooks remained at home until her mar-

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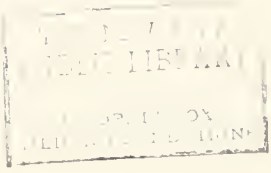

riage. Her parents, Samuel and Elizabeth (Holcomb) Allen, were born respectively in Ohio and Virginia and were pioneer settlers of both Winneshiek and Dickinson counties, Iowa. The father died in Spirit Lake township, this county, and the mother is now living with a son at Spring Valley, Minnesota. Mrs. Lambert passed away upon the home farm in April, 1913, leaving four children: Maude Lila, Belle and Waldo, all at home; and Roy, who married Miss Josephine Berg and lives in Spirit Lake township.

Mr. Lambert is a stanch republican and has filled the offices of clerk of Spirit Lake township, member of the school board of district No. 4 and treasurer of that board. He is identified with the Presbyterian church and fraternally is connected with Twilight Lodge, No. 329, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a charter member, and the Order of the Eastern Star. The success which he gained was not easily won, as there was much hard work to be done before the wild land could be brought under cultivation and adequate improvements made upon his farm. Moreover, there were other difficulties to be overcome, one of the greatest of which was the lack of adequate transportation, as when he located in Dickinson county he was one hundred miles from a railroad. In order to build his house it was necessary to haul lumber seventy miles and all the supplies which he could not raise upon his land had to be brought from a long distance. The fact that there were but few settlers in the county led to a sense of isolation that was often depressing and also made it necessary that each settler depend almost entirely upon his own resources. For four or five years Mr. Lambert lived alone upon his farm and there is no phase of pioneer life in this region which he did not experience. From the time of his marriage until her death he was greatly aided by the sound advice, encouragement and good management of his wife, who performed cheerfully and efficiently the many and exacting duties of the pioneer wife and mother. His reminiscences of the early days are very interesting but he likes best to think of the prosperity of the present and the splendid future in store for the county.

REV. E. C. MEYERS.

Rev. E. C. Meyers, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church of Milford, is a native of Iowa, his birth occurring on a farm in Carroll county, Augnst 10, 1877. His parents were John and Catherine (Rosauer) Meyers, the former born in Dubuque county, Iowa, and the latter in La Salle county, Illinois. At an early day the father and his twin brother, Christ Meyers, came to Iowa and purchased a farm in Carroll county, which they operated in partnership for some time, but finally the property was divided and John Meyers is still living on his portion, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is now about sixty-four years of age. His wife died on the 8th of June, 1895.

During his boyhood Father Meyers attended the country and parochial schools of Carroll county and assisted his father in the work of the home farm until nineteen years of age. He then entered St. Francis College at Quincy, Illinois, where he studied for the priesthood for six years, and then went to St. Paul, Minnesota, becoming a student in St. Paul Seminary, which institution was established by James J. Hill, the well known railroad magnate. After spending four years there, Father Meyers was ordained by Archbishop Ireland, June 12, 1906, and was sent to Granville, Iowa, as assistant pastor, serving as such for three years. On the 28th of May, 1909, he came to Milford, Dickinson county, as the first resident priest in the county, and was in charge of every parish within its borders with exception of that of Lake Park.

The hisory of the Catholic church in Dickinson county begins with the year 1873, when the first holy mass was offered in the house of Oliver Sarazine by Rev. J. J. Smith, of Emmetsburg, who continued to attend to the spiritual wants of the Catholics in this county, coming twice or three times a year, until 1881. In the spring of that year Rev. M. K. Norton came to Spirit Lake and also attended as missions, Milford, Armstrong, Everly, Spencer, Ruthven, Estherville and Lake Park. At Spirit Lake in 1883 he erected the first Catholic church in the county. In 1887 Father Norton was succeeded by Father L. Carroll, who in order to be more centrally located took up his residence at Spencer. In 1898 Spirit Lake was assigned as an out-mission for the priests of Emmet county. Like Spirit Lake, Milford's church history is a long struggle against many odds and begins with the time of Father Norton, who said first holy mass in the house of Daniel Ryan, three miles east of town. Mass continued to be held in private houses or in a hall over a store until 1889, when under the guidance of Father Carroll a church was erected at a cost of thirteen hundred dollars, which in 1894 was dedicated to St. Patrick and was then under the pastorate of Father Tierney. He was succeeded by Father Kirby, who assisted the Catholics of Milford in purchasing a cemetery in 1897. The next pastor was Rev. M. J. Hetherington, who divided his time between Spencer, Everly and Milford until October, 1908, when he was succeeded by Rev. B. A. Hunt. The great drawback to the Catholics in Dickinson county was the fact that their spiritual leader did not live among them until the spring of 1909, when Father Meyers became the first resident pastor. He found about twenty-five scattered families at Milford and a similar number at Spirit Lake. The churches had become dilapidated, the people discouraged and their faith weakened on account of unavoidable neglect. The church at Milford was a small affair in the south part of the town and as it soon became too small for the growing congregation under the leadership of Father Meyers the property was traded for a better site, to which the church was moved, remodeled and enlarged, making it one of the best churches in Dickinson county. At present, in 1917, plans are being made to erect a still handsomer and more com-

modious structure. There are now one hundred families in the parish and the membership of the church is five hundred and fifty-five.

In 1912 the Catholics of Milford purchased the old public school building and started a parochial school with two teachers and fifty-three pupils. Three years later they enlarged the building by an addition thirty-four by sixty feet, about doubling the former capacity, and they now employ six teachers, while the enrollment has reached one hundred and twenty-eight. In 1913 a modern rectory was erected and it is one of the finest in the state. A year previous to this the present location of the church, rectory and school house was a cornfield, and when Father Meyers located at Milford the church property was worth only fifteen hundred dollars, but they now own a block and a third of ground and their holdings are valued at twenty-five thousand dollars.

Father Meyers has always taken a great interest in athletic sports and now owns the athletic field in Milford, which in reality is the base-ball park of the town, and he gives his encouragement to all manly sports. He has labored untiringly for the welfare of his congregation and under his able guidance the church has steadily grown in numbers and in power. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and is a supporter of the democratic party at the polls.

JESSE V. BURKHEAD.

Jesse V. Burkhead, the proprietor of the only clothing store in Armstrong, Iowa, is an up-to-date and enterprising merchant, sparing no pains to satisfy his customers. He was born in Brandon, Buchanan county, Iowa, September 12, 1884, and is a son of Gilbert W. and Nora R. (Pike) Burkhead, likewise natives of Buchanan county. In 1889 the family removed to Emmet county, where the father became a land-owner, and agricultural pursuits continued to claim his attention until 1906. He now makes his home with his son, Jesse V., but the mother passed away on the 25th of December, 1914.

Jesse V. Burkhead was but a child when the family home was established in this county and received his education in the schools here. For several years he clerked in a clothing store in Armstrong and in 1906 he engaged in that line of business on his own account in partnership with H. J. Felkey, his father-in-law, under the firm name of Felkey & Company. This connection was maintained for four years, at the end of which time Mr. Burkhead became sole proprietor of the store, which he is still conducting. It is the only clothing store in the town and he enjoys a large patronage, his trade covering not only Armstrong but the adjoining districts. He carries a large stock of the best makes of ready-to-wear clothing and is thoroughly reliable in all his business dealings. He also owns a store at Swea City, Iowa.

The marriage of Mr. Burkhead and Miss Florence M. Felkey was

celebrated on the 1st of January, 1908. She is a daughter of H. J. and Rebecca Felkey, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. To this union have been born two children: Lorna D., whose natal day was July 31, 1909; and Jesse V., born November 30, 1916.

Mr. Burkhead casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has been honored by election to the town council, of which he has been a member for three years. He is a Mason. In building up the large trade which he enjoys he has not only won individual success but has also contributed to the commercial development of his town and can always be counted upon to coöperate with others in advancing the interests of the community as a whole.

PETER N. PETERSON.

An eighty-acre farm on section 13, High Lake township, pays tribute to the care and labor bestowed upon it by Peter N. Peterson, who has long been one of the active and progressive agriculturists of that section of the county. He was born in Norway, March 20, 1848, a son of Peter and Gertrude (Olson) Peterson, who were also natives of the same country. They brought their family to America in 1848, during the infancy of their son Peter, and first established their home in Wisconsin upon a farm. In the '60s they came to Emmet county, Iowa, which was then a frontier district, and the father took up a homestead claim which he converted from a tract of wild and unimproved land into a productive and valuable farm, giving his undivided attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his remaining days. To him and his wife were born six children, of whom three are now living.

Peter N. Peterson was largely reared and educated in Iowa, being indebted to the public schools of Emmet county for the educational privileges which he received. He continued upon the old homestead to the time of his marriage and afterward purchased the property upon which he now resides, constituting a valuable tract of land of eighty acres on section 14, High Lake township. He has worked persistently and earnestly in the development of the place, to which he has added many modern improvements, and his practical methods of tilling the fields resulted in bringing forth good harvests.

In 1871 Mr. Peterson was united in marriage to Miss Martha L. Johnson, who was born in Wisconsin, a daughter of Lewis and Martha (Mohn) Johnson, who were natives of Norway and came to the United States in the '50s. They settled in Wisconsin and the family arrived in Emmet county, Iowa, in 1866. The mother had previously passed away in Wisconsin, but the father died in this state. In their family were twelve children but only two are now living. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have become the parents of five children, namely: Peter P.; Mary J.; Lewis P.; Nels P.; and John P., now a resident of South Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson hold membership in the Lutheran church and guide their lives according to its teachings. His political faith is that of the republican party and he served as road supervisor and also as a member of the school board. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, as he started out in the business world empty handed and since that time has gradually worked his way upward through persistent energy and unfaltering effort.

CHRIS JOHNSON.

Chris Johnson, a retired farmer living in Ringsted, has taken a prominent part in public affairs here ever since his removal to the town and is now acceptably filling the office of mayor. He was born in Denmark, May 7, 1859, and is a son of Johan and Magdalina (Christianson) Johanson. The father was a laborer and was a lifelong resident of Denmark, as was his wife. They were the parents of nine children, of whom four died in infancy.

When only seven years of age Chris Johnson began working for farmers but was allowed the privilege of attending school until he was fourteen years old. In 1881, when twenty-two years old, he came to the United States and made his way to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he was employed for seven years by the Northwestern Railway Company. He saved sufficient money to enable him to buy eighty acres on section 36, Denmark township, in 1883 and four years later took up his residence upon the place, which he improved and brought to a high state of development as the years passed. He resided there until the fall of 1909, when he sold that place and removed to eight acres adjoining the town of Ringsted, where he now makes his home. He supervises its operation but the actual work is done by hired help.

On the 26th of May, 1886, occurred the marriage of Mr. Johnson and Miss Anna C. Andersen, a daughter of Anders Jorgen and Marie (Hanibalsen) Pallesen, who passed away in Denmark. Mr. Johnson was justice of the peace for twenty-two years, township trustee for three years and a member of the school board for thirteen years, twelve years of that period being consecutive, and was on the committee which established the library in the Ringsted schools. He was one of those who gave generously to the fund for providing books for the library and has never ceased to take an interest in its growth. He has held other offices as for two years he was road supervisor and has twice been United States census taker, while he is now mayor of Ringsted, in which capacity he is doing valuable work for the advancement of the town. He is one of the leading republicans of the county and for a long period was township committeeman. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in St. John's Danish Lutheran church. His boyhood and youth were characterized by hard and unremitting work and in his efforts to gain a living

he received no aid from outside sources, but he proved equal to the demands made upon him and as the years passed his resources increased so that he now has more than a competence.

LARS P. ANDERSEN.

Lars P. Andersen makes his home on his farm on section 3, Center township, but is practically living a retired life, leaving to others the more arduous work of the fields. In the course of an active and well spent career he has accumulated a substantial fortune and his record should serve to inspire and encourage others, showing what can be accomplished through persistent and honorable effort. The many sterling traits of character which he has displayed have won for him high regard. He was born in Denmark, February 17, 1849, and is a son of Andrew and Henrietta Andersen, who were also natives of the same country. The father reached the advanced age of one hundred and four years and nine months ere death called him and his wife has also passed away. In their family were eleven children.

Lars P. Andersen, who is the only one now living, was reared and educated in Denmark and came to the United States in 1867, being at that time a youth of eighteen years. He made his way at once to Iowa, settling in Black Hawk county, where he was employed as a common laborer for some time, but laudable ambition prompted him to save his earnings and at length his industry and economy brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase a farm. In 1891 he invested in land in Emmet county and in 1893 he took up his abode upon his place on section 3, Center township, where he has three hundred and seventy acres of fine land, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. His fields are well tilled and annually produce good crops of corn, wheat and other cereals. To the farm he has also added many substantial improvements in the way of good buildings, having a pleasant home and large barns and sheds, which furnish ample shelter for grain and stock. In a word he has made good use of his time and opportunities and his labors have been rewarded by a very substantial competence.

In 1871 Mr. Andersen was united in marriage to Miss Anna Elizabeth Petersen, a native of Denmark and a daughter of Peter C. and Elsie Y. Nielsen. They came to America in 1868 and established their home in Butler county, Iowa, where the father carried on farming until his death, after which the mother became a resident of Kansas, where her last days were spent. Their family numbered five children, four of whom are yet living. By her marriage Mrs. Andersen has become the mother of ten children: Henrietta, now the wife of Nels Ling; Andrew, living in North Dakota; Anna, who is teaching school; Nels C., whose home is in Ransom county, North Dakota; Jens, also residing in that state; William D., of Emmet county, Iowa; Carrie, the wife of William

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Rathman; Thorwald, who is upon the home farm; Emma E., now attending high school; and one deceased.

Mr. Andersen has always given his political allegiance to the democratic party since becoming a naturalized American citizen. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and they enjoy the esteem of all with whom they have come in contact. At the time of their marriage their financial resources were quite limited but they worked together, utilizing every possible effort to advance their fortunes, and today they are the possessors of a very substantial and gratifying competence. Moreover, no one can grudge them their success, so honorably has it been won and so worthily used.

FRED W. CHEEVER.

Fred W. Cheever, who is devoting practically his entire time to the operation of his excellent farm on section 15, Iowa Lake township, is also interested financially in a number of local business enterprises. His birth occurred in Butler county, Iowa, in March, 1874, and he is a son of Samuel W. and Helen (Tufts) Cheever, an account of whose lives appears in the sketch of John T. Cheever.

Fred W. Cheever remained at home until he was twenty-three years of age and after completing his education in the district schools assisted his father with the farm work for several years. For a time he had charge of the operation of the home place, but in 1898, at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, offered his services to the government. He enlisted in Company D, Fifty-second Iowa Volunteer Regiment, but was transferred to Company D, Forty-ninth Iowa Volunteers. He was taken ill while in camp and was in a hospital at Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Georgia, for twenty weeks. On the 24th of May, 1899, he returned home and in the following year arrived in Emmet county, Iowa, where he has since lived. He purchased one hundred and twenty acres on section 15, Iowa Lake township, and at once began the operation of his place. During the first winter, however, he also engaged in teaching school but is now concentrating his energies upon his farm work. He has added to his holdings eighty acres adjoining his original purchase and the entire tract of two hundred acres is in a high state of cultivation and produces excellent crops. He also raises some stock and his annual income ensures him of all the comforts of life. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Armstrong and also in the Armstrong cement factory, of which he is likewise vice president and a director.

Mr. Cheever was married on the 23d of December, 1901, to Miss Martha Hanson and they have become the parents of three children: Lester F., who was born December 9, 1908; Arnold N., born September 24, 1912; and Martha Fern, born in August, 1915.

Mr. Cheever is a strong republican in his political belief and is

quite influential in public affairs. He is now town clerk, which office he has filled since 1905, and for many years has been secretary of the school board, his experience as a teacher qualifying him unusually well to have voice in the management of the local schools. He is characterized by those qualities which invariably win esteem and regard and his personal friends are many.

JENS CHRISTENSEN.

For a third of a century Jens Christensen, who is now living retired in Ringsted, has resided in Emmet county and during that period has seen a transformation that is well nigh incredible. When he arrived here the county was a frontier district with a few widely scattered white settlers and today it is a prosperous and up-to-date farming region. For many years he engaged in agricultural pursuits but is now living in honorable retirement. He was born in Denmark, November 23, 1849, and is one of six children whose parents were Christian and Carrie Marie (Clausen) Jensen, lifelong residents of that country, where the father was a blacksmith and small farmer.

Jens Christensen attended the public schools until he was confirmed and from that time until he was twenty-three years of age, with the exception of six months spent in military training, worked for others, thus providing for his own support. He desired to take advantage of the unusual opportunities which he had heard the United States offered to energetic young men and in 1873 came to America, locating in the upper peninsula of Michigan, where he was employed in the iron mines for two years. Later he worked on farms near Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and while there received his citizenship papers. After a year he returned to the mines, where he remained for a year, and then went to Illinois, being employed in the stone quarries at Lamont and Joliet for three years. He next operated a rented farm near Green Bay, Wisconsin, and in 1883 came to Denmark township, Emmet county, Iowa, and purchased eighty acres of land, comprising the west half of the southwest quarter of section 22. Later he bought the northeast quarter of section 28 and the east half of the northwest quarter of that section. As soon as possible he brought his land under cultivation and for almost three decades his time and energy were given to farming and stock raising. He was not afraid of hard work and his industry, combined with his good management, enabled him to gain a substantial competence. In 1911 he retired from active life and built a fine modern home in Ringsted, where he is now living.

In 1880 occurred the marriage of Mr. Christensen and Miss Mary Hansen, likewise a native of Denmark, where her parents lived and died. To Mr. and Mrs. Christensen were born six children: Arthur, who is married and lives near Antelope, Sheridan county, Montana; Will, also

a resident of that locality; John, who is married and lives in Ringsted; Harold, who is married and resides in Sanders county, Montana; Anna, at home; and Elmer, a resident of Sheridan county, Montana.

Mr. Christensen is a stanch republican in politics, but has never had the time nor inclination to take an active part in public affairs although never remiss in his duties as a good citizen. He came to this country empty handed and had no influential friends to aid him in gaining a start but was determined to succeed and has accomplished his purpose, for he is now in very comfortable circumstances. Moreover, he has never resorted to questionable dealings and is esteemed for his integrity as well as his ability.

GEORGE A. SKEWIS.

George A. Skewis has held the office of mayor of Terril and is connected with its business advancement as the proprietor of the Terril Grain Company. His birth occurred near the City of Mexico, January 25, 1867, and he is a son of James and Jane (Rabling) Skewis, both natives of England, where they grew to maturity. The father was a miner and after his removal to the United States in early manhood found employment in the lead mines of Wisconsin, but in 1849 joined the rush to the newly discovered gold fields of California. Thence he went to Australia and at length returned to England, where he was married. Subsequently he came to the United States and established his home in Shullsburg, Wisconsin. Early in 1861 he was chosen by an English syndicate to superintend the operation of their silver mines near the City of Mexico, and for seven years had charge of their important interests. At the end of that time he returned to Wisconsin, where he remained until 1876, when he located in Lyon county, Iowa. He engaged in farming there until his demise in 1911, making his home, however, in the town of Inwood, near which his farm was located. His wife died in 1908.

George A. Skewis was educated in the common schools and in Augustana College at Canton, South Dakota, and for a few years after completing his schooling engaged in farming in Lyons county, Iowa. In 1890, however, he and his five brothers went into the lumber business on quite an extensive scale, establishing a line of yards throughout Iowa and operating under the name of the Pritchard-Skewis Lumber Company. In June, 1899, he entered the field of banking, founding the Farmers Bank in Terril, and about the same time organized the Terril Grain Company and the Pritchard Stone Company, the latter of which operated the bank and the lumberyards. Later Mr. Skewis severed his connection with Messrs. Pritchard and Stone, took charge of the elevator and associated with himself A. W. Bascom in the management of the grain business. Since 1911, however, he has been alone in business and the large and profitable

trade which is accorded the Terril Grain Company is the direct result of his energy and business ability.

In 1903 Mr. Skewis was married to Miss Martha Townsend, a native of New York state, who, however, at the time of her marriage was living with a sister in Inwood, Iowa. Mr. Skewis is a strong republican and has been an active factor in local public affairs, having served ably as mayor of Terril. He belongs to Richloyd Lodge, No. 612, A. F. & A. M., of Terril and Inwood Lodge, No. 521, I. O. O. F. of Inwood, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. In all relations of life his conduct has measured up to high standards of manhood, and he is recognized as a public-spirited citizen as well as a successful and enterprising business man.

THEODORE STRATHMAN.

Since 1887 Theodore Strathman has been a resident of Lake Park, Iowa, and has been prominently identified with its business and financial interests, having served as cashier of the German Savings Bank since its establishment in 1901. A native of Iowa, he was born in Scott county, March 25, 1863, and is a son of Henry and Anna (Bock) Strathman, who were born in Germany and came to America in 1855. After spending a short time in St. Louis, Missouri, they became residents of Scott county, Iowa, where the father died in 1897, and the mother now makes her home with her son Theodore, who is the oldest of the three children. The others are Clara, now the wife of Alex Lindsay, of Davenport, Iowa; and Anna, the wife of E. Wellhausen, of Round Lake, Minnesota.

Theodore Strathman was educated in the common schools of Davenport and began his business career as a clerk in a store at that place, being thus employed for four years. He was subsequently manager of a store at Big Rock, Iowa, for the same length of time and in 1887 came to Lake Park, where he engaged in mercantile business for thirteen years. On selling out, he assisted in organizing the German Savings Bank in 1901 and has since served as its cashier. Owing to his untiring efforts it has become one of the prosperous moneyed institutions of Dickinson county and is a credit to the men at its head. Besides his city property Mr. Strathman owns three hundred and twenty acres of land in Iowa and also a half interest in another three hundred and twenty acre tract in Dickinson county.

In 1896 Mr. Strathman was united in marriage to Miss May Hatch, a native of Hardin county, this state. Her parents, Frank and Jerusha (Gregory) Hatch, were born in New York state and on coming west located near St. Paul, Minnesota, but subsequently removed to Hardin county, Iowa, and later to Lake Park, where they both died. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Strathman are Thelma, who is a graduate

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of the Lake Park high school and has attended Grinnell College for one year; Stewart; Ruth, deceased; and Helen.

The family are affiliated with the Presbyterian church and in politics Mr. Strathman is identified with the republican party. For the long period of twenty-five years he has been secretary of the school board and he has always taken an active interest in public affairs, never withholding his support from any enterprise which he believes will benefit the community in any way. He is a Knight Templar Mason, belongs to Blue Lodge No. 527, A. F. & A. M., and also to the Mystic Shrine. He has filled all the chairs in the local lodge and is a man of prominence in both business and social circles.

JORGEN N. HOIEN.

Jorgen N. Hoien, a resident farmer of Jack Creek township, his home being on section 2, is a native of Denmark and his birth occurred on the 30th of March, 1866. He is a son of Jens Peter and Else Marie Hoien, who came to the United States in 1888, settling in Ohio, and in 1893 made their way to Iowa, establishing their home in Blackhawk county, where the mother passed away. The father afterward came to Emmet county to make his home with his son Jorgen, with whom he continued until his death, which occurred in June, 1912.

Jorgen N. Hoien pursued a common school education to the age of seventeen yars, or until 1883, when he came to the United States. While in Ohio he was employed in a nail factory at Martins Ferry for two years, after which he came to Iowa and for a similar period worked as a farm hand in Blackhawk county. He then went to the Pacific coast and spent two and a half years in California, working with the bridge gang of the Santa Fe Railroad Company. Subsequently he returned to Blackhawk county, Iowa, and began farming on his own account as a renter. There he remained for eleven years, or until 1900, when he took up his abode in Emmet county, where he has since lived. He first bought one hundred and sixty acres of land and later purchased two quarter sections. He has since sold one quarter and now owns three hundred and twenty acres of rich and valuable farm land in Emmet county. His time and attention are concentrated upon the work of the farm and the neat and thrifty appearance of his place indicates his practical efforts and progressive methods. He has good buildings upon his farm and the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields and there is nothing that he can do to enhance the value and productiveness of his place that he neglects.

In 1890 Mr. Hoien was united in marriage to Miss Anna Lund, of Blackhawk county, Iowa. They have become the parents of seven children: Jens, who is engaged in farming in Emmet county; Soren, who occupies the position of clerk in the Farmers Savings Bank at

Ringsted, this county; and Jorgen, Christina, Iver, Else Marie and Annetta, all at home.

In politics Mr. Hoien is a democrat and has served as township trustee and as a member of the school board for a number of years. He belongs to the Danish Brotherhood and to the Lutheran church and his life is guided by high and honorable principles that make him a man fully worthy of the high regard which is everywhere entertained for him. He came to the United States a poor boy but with the passing years has steadily worked his way upward and is now one of the substantial and worthy citizens of Jack Creek township.

MISS VERA M. COLEMAN.

Miss Vera M. Coleman, now serving as postmistress of Dolliver, is a native of Humboldt county, Iowa, and a daughter of Isaac and Nettie (Moulton) Coleman. Her father was born in Toronto, Canada, and when about sixteen years of age removed to New York state, where the following five years were passed. At the end of that time he came to Iowa and spent three years at Lost Nation, Jackson county. Subsequently he made his way to Livermore, Humboldt county, Iowa, and in 1899 came to Emmet county. For four years he was engaged in the hardware business at Dolliver and then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he continued to follow throughout the remainder of his active life. Since 1914, however, he has made his home in Estherville and has lived retired. His wife was born in Maquoketa, her parents having become residents of Jackson county, Iowa, in 1844. They were from New York and were early settlers of Jackson county.

Miss Vera M. Coleman was given good educational advantages and is a graduate of Dolliver high school. She also spent one year at the Iowa State University. In 1914 she was appointed postmistress of Dolliver by President Wilson and has acceptably filled that position ever since. She is one of the most prominent ladies in the town and is an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

G. W. NEFZGER.

G. W. Nefzger, who for about seventeen years has been actively and prominently identified with the business interests of Terril as a hardware merchant, was born in Fayette county, Iowa, on the 7th of January, 1858, and is a son of George and Leah (Hizerman) Nefzger, the former a native of Germany, while the latter was born in Pennsylvania. In early life they removed to Iowa and their remaining days were spent in this state, where they reared their family of seven children, of whom four are yet living.

G. W. Nefzger spent the days of his boyhood and youth in Fayette county and his education was acquired in the common schools. He occupied the same farm until he was forty years of age and there is no phase of agricultural life in Iowa with which he is not familiar. In 1898 he removed to Dickinson county and established a drug store in Terril, which he conducted for a year. In 1900 he opened his present hardware store, of which he has since been proprietor. In the intervening period he has built up a trade of gratifying proportions and has today a well appointed store, carrying a large stock to meet the constantly growing demands of his patrons.

On the 11th of June, 1902, Mr. Nefzger was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Kendrick, a native of Wales and a daughter of John and Mary Kendrick, who established the family home in Wisconsin. Her father is now deceased, but her mother is yet living and makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Nefzger, to whose marriage has been born a daughter, Leah May.

Mr. and Mrs. Nefzger hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge of Terril, in which he has filled all the chairs. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and on the 1st of October, 1914, his wife was appointed postmistress of Terril. Both are widely and favorably known and possess many sterling traits of character which have won for them the warm and enduring regard of those with whom they have been associated.

T. M. HANSON.

An excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres situated on section 25, Swan Lake township, is the property of T. M. Hanson and pays to him substantial tribute for the care and labor which he bestows upon the fields. He was born in Norway, November 25, 1867, a son of Mons and Johanna (Hatteberg) Hanson, both of whom were natives of Norway. Coming to America in 1869, they settled first in Kendall county, Illinois, taking up their abode upon a farm whereon they resided for seven years. They afterward became residents of Ford county, Illinois, and there resided for twelve years, after which they came to Iowa, establishing their home in Emmet county, where their remaining days were passed. They had a family of six children, of whom five are now living.

T. M. Hanson was reared and educated in Illinois, having been less than two years of age when brought by his parents to the new world. He left home at the age of nineteen and began earning his own living as a farm hand, being employed in that way for about seven years. He afterward came to Emmet county, Iowa, and invested the money which he had saved from his earnings in one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 25, Swan Lake township, which he has improved. He has made

a specialty of raising hogs and that branch of his business adds materially to his income.

In 1911 Mr. Hanson was united in marriage to Mrs. Rachel (Thompson) Wetterhus and to them was born a daughter, Johanna Elmira, who died at the age of seven months. By her former marriage Mrs. Hanson had a daughter, Maurine, who is now at home. Mr. and Mrs. Hanson hold membership in the Lutheran church and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party but has never sought nor held office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He is a self-made man whose prosperity has all been won through his own efforts since he started out in life on his own account. Diligence and determination have characterized his entire career and made him one of the substantial citizens of Swan Lake township.

JOHN FOX.

Among the representative and progressive farmers of Armstrong Grove township is John Fox, who resides on section 27. He also owns land on section 22, that township, and on section 36, Swan Lake township. His birth occurred in Jasper county, Iowa, May 13, 1864, and he is a son of Robert and Rachel (Conn) Fox, who emigrated from Ireland to America many years ago and located in Jasper county, Iowa. There the father purchased land and during the remainder of his life engaged in agricultural pursuits there. He died in October, 1881, but the mother is still living at the age of eighty-five years.

John Fox was reared and educated in Jasper county, Iowa, and remained at home for several years after he attained his majority, relieving his father of the work of operating the farm. In December, 1890, however, he came to Emmet county county, Iowa, and bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 27, Armstrong Grove township, paying therefor ten dollars an acre. Something of the marvelous rapidity with which land values have advanced in this county is indicated in the fact that the same land would now sell for one hundred and fifty dollars an acre. He at once began bringing his land under cultivation and as the years have passed has continued its development. He has also added to his holdings from time to time and now owns an addition to his home place eighty acres across the road on section 22 and one hundred and sixty acres on section 36, Swan Lake township. He operates all his land and his annual income is an enviable one. He has found stock raising especially profitable and feeds about four carloads of cattle per year and ships ten carloads of hogs. He engages to some extent in the business of buying and selling hogs and cattle.

On the 23rd of September, 1894, occurred the marriage of Mr. Fox and Miss Ella Dundas, a daughter of David and Harriett (Churchill) Dundas an account of whose lives appeared in the sketch of David Dundas

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elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Fox have become the parents of four children, Lloyd S., Vernon, Florence, and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Fox is much interested in affairs pertaining to the general welfare and can always be counted upon to further worthy public projects. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church and in all relations of life he has held to high standards of conduct.

M. F. KOHL.

Since 1904 M. F. Kohl has engaged in farming on section 8, Denmark township, and is recognized as one of the leading agriculturists of his locality. He was born in Linn county, Iowa, in the vicinity of Lisbon, on the 15th of January, 1863. His parents, Simon and Catharine (Blessing) Kohl, were born respectively in Berks and Dauphin counties, Pennsylvania, and their children were eight in number, M. F. Kohl being the sixth in order of birth. The mother's natal day was March 8, 1827, and in 1845 she married Joseph Keller, by whom she had two children, both of whom died in infancy. She and her husband joined a party of emigrants bound for Iowa and embarked on the ill-fated steamer Belle of the West. The vessel was burned near Warsaw, Kentucky, and Mr. Keller with fourteen others perished, but Mrs. Keller was rescued from the water. She lost all her effects but was cared for by the other survivors and at length reached Iowa, where the party founded the town of Lisbon. In 1851 she was married to Simon Kohl. She reached the age of seventy-one years, dying on the 30th of October, 1898. Mr. Kohl was born on the 3d of July, 1827, and lived to an advanced age as his death occurred on the 31st of December, 1912. He was an active member of the United Brethren church and in his daily life exemplified the teachings of Christianity. Five of his eight children survive: Mrs. Lavina Koch, of Hampton, Iowa; M. F.; Albert, a resident of Cedar Rapids; Mrs. Elizabeth Walmer, of Lisbon; and Mrs. Barbara Andre, of Mechanicsville.

M. F. Kohl received his education in the common schools and devoted his time and energy to farming rented land until he was twenty-eight years old, when he bought a farm in Cedar county. After operating that place for nine years he sold it and cultivated rented farms for three years, but in 1903 came to Denmark township and erected buildings upon the north half of the northwest quarter of section 8, which he had purchased, and in the spring of 1904 took up his residence upon the farm. He is there engaged in grain and stock raising and his familiarity with agricultural work and his enterprise are important factors in his success.

In 1892 occurred the marriage of Mr. Kohl and Miss Ida A. Yessler, a daughter of Henry and Mary Yessler, residents of Linn county. Two children have been born to this union, namely: Alma, who married

Joseph Madden, of Swan Lake township; and Alta, the wife of George Madden, also of Swan Lake township.

Mr. Kohl supports the republican party at the polls and is faithful in the discharge of all his duties as a citizen but has never been an office seeker. He has, however, served as school director and his interest in the forces that make for advancement is also manifest in the fact that he is a trustee of the Presbyterian church at Halfa. He is a self-made man and is entitled to all the credit which that term carries with it, implying as it does determination, sound judgment and industry.

THE ESPESET FAMILY.

The name of Espeset has been well known in Emmet county and has been associated here with integrity, ability and public spirit for more than fifty years, or ever since the arrival within the county of Knute Espeset, who was one of the early settlers, coming in 1865. He was long prominent in business and political circles of the community. His attention was first given to farming and subsequently he engaged in the farm implement and hardware business, becoming one of the foremost as well as one of the early merchants of the county. He also figured prominently in connection with political interests and held the office of county sheriff and county treasurer. His son, James Espeset, was a native of Allamakee county, but was reared upon the home farm near Estherville and in early manhood took up the profession of teaching. At one time he served as deputy county treasurer and was also deputy postmaster. Later he entered the employ of the Estherville State Bank, with which institution he was identified for a quarter of a century, being the cashier thereof at the time of his retirement in 1910. Since then he has devoted his attention to the abstract business. He married Edith Graves, who was born in Winneshiek county, Iowa, but was reared in Emmet county, having been brought to this county during her infancy by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Graves. Her father was one of the founders of Estherville and became the pioneer banker of this section of the state. Mrs. Espeset has always been prominent in church work and social activities and is a member of the P. E. O., the Eastern Star and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

From such ancestry comes Howard Espeset, a son of James Espeset, and fortunate is he that his lines of life have been cast in harmony with the untarnished family record. He was born in Estherville, April 2, 1882, and attended the Estherville public schools, being graduated from the high school with the class of 1898, after which he studied for a year at Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa, and for three years in the State University of Iowa at Iowa City, being graduated from the latter institution in 1902, at which time the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy was

conferred upon him. He then entered the field of banking and continued to occupy the position of assistant cashier of the Estherville State Bank until 1912. Since that time he has been engaged in the abstract business with the firm of Graves & Espeset. This firm was established by Howard Graves in an early day, and as the county records were burned in the courthouse fire of 1876, the only evidence of title to lands in Emmet county prior to that time is found in the old abstract books used by this firm.

In 1910, in California, Mr. Espeset was joined in wedlock to Miss Marie Thomas, of Las Vegas, Nevada. Mrs. Espeset is interested in church activities and in women's club work. Mr. Espeset holds membership in the Presbyterian church and he is a member of the Masonic and Elks lodges at Estherville and of the Estherville Commercial Club. In politics he has always been a republican and for some time has been actively identified with the work of the party in Emmet county, but has never sought nor desired public office. He is interested in all that pertains to the welfare and upbuilding of city and county, however, and for a number of years was a member of the city library board. His influence is always on the side of progress and improvement and his entire career has been actuated by high and honorable purposes, his life measuring up to advanced standards of manhood and citizenship.

SILAS B. KNUDSON.

Silas B. Knudson owns one hundred and sixty acres of fine land in Armstrong Grove township and is concentrating his energies upon the development and improvement of that place. He was born in La Salle county, Illinois, July 10, 1872, and is a son of Henry and Martha (Knudson) Knudson, natives respectively of Illinois and of Norway. When about five years old the mother was brought to America by her parents and received her education in this country. In 1881 the family removed to Humboldt county, Iowa, where the father rented land which he operated until 1887. He then purchased a farm and was engaged in its cultivation until he retired from active life, removing in Humboldt, where he lived for a decade, or until his death in September, 1915, when seventy-three years old. The mother survives.

Silas B. Knudson remained under the parental roof until he became of age and received his education in the schools of Illinois and Humboldt county, Iowa. After leaving home he rented land in Webster county, Iowa, for five years but in 1901 came to Emmet county and for ten years thereafter operated rented land here under lease. During this time he carefully saved his money and at length had accumulated sufficient capital to purchase the northwest quarter of section 10, Armstrong Grove township, which has since remained his home. The improvements upon the

place compare favorably with those on other farms of the township and everything is kept in excellent condition, thus facilitating the farm work. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Armstrong, of which he was for a time trustee.

On the 27th of December, 1899, occurred the marriage of Mr. Knudson and Miss Bertha Braland and they have had five children; Angeline, Maymie, Lloyd and Arnold, all of whom survive; and one who died in infancy. Mr. Knudson gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is now serving his second term as township trustee. In religious faith he is a Lutheran and his sterling qualities of character have won him the unqualified respect of all who have come in contact with him.

FRANK H. RHODES.

Frank H. Rhodes, president of the First Trust & Savings Bank at Estherville and cashier of the Bank of Estherville, has figured prominently in financial circles of the city for twenty-three years. He was born in Brighton, Wisconsin, October 26, 1859, his parents being Thomas and Nancy Rhodes, who came from England in 1842 and settled in Kenosha county, Wisconsin, where they resided until called to their final rest.

After attending the public schools of Kenosha county, Wisconsin, Frank H. Rhodes continued his education in the Racine (Wis.) Business College and made his initial step in the business world as assistant bookkeeper and shipping clerk for the Dickey & Pease Manufacturing Company, with which he remained from 1879 until 1885. In the latter year he removed to Estherville, where he has since made his home, and was here engaged in merchandising for seven years. In 1892 he withdrew from commercial pursuits and turned his attention to the real estate and loan business in Estherville, in which he continued until 1894. He then entered the field of banking and is prominently known as a financier of northwestern Iowa by reason of his connection with the First Trust & Savings Bank and the Bank of Estherville, the combined resources of which are about seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars. His high standing in financial circles in the state is indicated in the fact that he has been a member of the executive committee of the Iowa Bankers' Association for a number of years. He is also owner of the Rhodes block and other valuable properties in Estherville, which indicates his wise investment and sound judgment in business affairs. He is also a director and treasurer of the Home Investment Company.

In 1887, in Estherville, Mr. Rhodes was married to Miss Hattie Culver, a daughter of L. M. Culver. Her father came to Estherville in 1883 as agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company and for a number of years was a leading citizen here. He was

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one of the founders of the First Presbyterian church and was interested in many matters relative to the general good. Mrs. Rhodes is a graduate of the Estherville high school and has been very active in church and club work, serving for a number of years as regent of the Okamanpadu Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes have four children: Jennie C., the wife of Dr. A. R. Moon, of Williamsburg, Iowa; Edwin J., a student in the University of Wisconsin; and Cecil and Lillian, both attending the Estherville high school.

The parents are members of the First Presbyterian church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful interest, Mr. Rhodes serving as trustee and treasurer. He belongs to the Estherville Commercial Club, of which he is a director and the treasurer, and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He served for six years, from 1897 until 1903, as a member of the city council and exercised his official prerogatives in support of many plans and measures which have been of value in promoting the best interests of the city.

LAURITZ P. BAAGO.

Lauritz P. Baago, a well known and successful farmer of Denmark township, has never had occasion to regret his decision to emigrate to America for he has found here the opportunities which he sought and through their utilization has won prosperity. He was born in Schleswig, now a part of Germany but then belonging to Denmark, on the 23d of April, 1861, and is a son of Cresten and Anna Christina Lauritzen, who passed their entire lives in their native country. The father was by profession a school teacher.

Lauritz P. Baago, who is one of a family of five children, received his education under the instruction of his father, and, following his confirmation went to work as a farm hand. He was so employed until he was twenty-three years old, when he came to the United States. After spending four years in New York state in the employ of various farmers he removed to Emmet county, Iowa, and bought eighty acres of land in Armstrong township. He devoted thirteen years to the operation of that place and then sold it and bought a farm in Jackson county, Minnesota, which he operated until 1912, when he returned to Emmet county and bought the north half of the northeast quarter of section 23, Denmark township, where he has since made his home. The land is in a high state of cultivation, the buildings are substantial and of practical design and his work is kept well in hand. He raises both grain and stock as he finds such a course more profitable than specializing in either.

In 1893 Mr. Baago was married to Miss Marie Christianson, whose father died in Norway. Subsequently the mother came to the United States and is now living with her son Erland, a resident of Graettinger,

Iowa. Mrs. Baago passed away in 1895 and is buried in St. Paul's cemetery. She left one son, Hans. For his second wife Mr. Baago chose Miss Helga Vik, a daughter of Sjur and Jurga Vik, natives of Norway, whence they emigrated to the United States many years ago. The mother is deceased and is buried in Jackson county, Minnesota, while the father makes his home with Mr. Baago. Mrs. Baago died in 1906 and is buried in Jackson county, Minnesota. She was the mother of four children, Anna, Marie, Christina and John.

Mr. Baago is a republican in his political affiliation but has never held office. He has, however, served as school director. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in St. John's Danish Lutheran church and the teachings of that denomination have been the guiding principle of his life. He has succeeded solely through his own efforts and is accorded the honor due a self-made man.

K. R. HAUGEN.

K. R. Haugen, an honored pioneer of Dickinson county whose home is on section 12, Lloyd township, was born in Norway, May 28, 1838, and is the only survivor in a family of four children. His parents were Rierson and Raghneld C. (Culberson) Haugen, who continued to make their home in Norway throughout life. There he was reared and educated in much the usual manner of boys of that period, but believing that he could better his financial condition in the new world, he sailed for America in 1861. He first located in Wisconsin, where he lived for two years and then came to Iowa, spending the following five years in Winneshiek county. At the end of that time he became a resident of Dickinson county, Iowa, and homesteaded the land on which he now resides, it being a fine tract of one hundred and sixty acres on section 12, Lloyd township. At that time, however, it was entirely unimproved and he built thereon a log cabin in which he lived for several years. He has since erected a good residence and other substantial buildings for the shelter of grain and stock and his farm is now one of the best improved in the locality. In connection with general farming he has always made a specialty of the raising of all kinds of stock and in all his undertakings has met with well merited success.

In 1883 Mr. Haugen was united in marriage to Miss Christina Olson, also a native of Norway, who came to the United States in early life with her father, who died in this country. Her mother passed away in Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Haugen have one daughter, Dena Carolina, who is a graduate of the Terril high school and is at home with her parents.

The family hold membership in the Lutheran church and are held in the highest respect by all who know them. Since becoming a naturalized citizen Mr. Haugen has affiliated with the republican party and his fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called upon him to serve as township assessor and township trustee. He has also been a member

of the school board for several years and has always faithfully performed any duty devolving upon him whether in public or private life. He is one of the representative farmers of his community and is now quite well-to-do.

GEORGE L. GORTON.

George L. Gorton, who follows farming on section 13, Estherville township, Emmet county, is one of Iowa's native sons, his birth occurring in Linn county, March 23, 1871, and he is the seventh in a family of ten children. His parents, Foster E. and Lucy (Herrick) Gorton, were born in New York and Ohio respectively and at an early day came to Iowa. It was in 1894 that they became residents of Estherville township, Emmet county, where the father purchased the southwest quarter of section 13, on which our subject now resides.

At the usual age George L. Gorton began his education in the district schools near his home, and he continued his studies until sixteen years of age. He then gave his father the benefit of his services until twenty-five, when he took charge of the home place and cared for his parents until they were called to the world beyond, the father dying in 1910 and the mother in 1909. They were buried in Oak Hill cemetery near Estherville. George L. Gorton still lives on the homestead and in his farming operations has met with well merited success, being regarded as one of the substantial citizens of his community.

In 1901 Mr. Gorton was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Frank, a daughter of Henry and Katherine Frank, who came to this country from Germany in early life, the former settling in Emmet county, Iowa, and the latter in Dickinson county. Mr. Frank has passed away and is buried in Estherville, but his wife is still living and makes her home in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Gorton have two children, Ruth and Esther.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Gorton has affiliated with the republican party and for a number of years he efficiently served as township trustee. In religious faith he is a Methodist. He is a man of good business ability and as he thoroughly understands the occupation which he follows, is progressive and energetic, he has met with success in his farming operations and is today quite well-to-do.

O. O. ANDERSON.

Wallingford's business interests find a substantial and prominent representative in O. O. Anderson, the cashier of the Farmers' Savings Bank, of which he was one of the organizers. He is a representative of that substantial class of citizens that Norway has furnished to Iowa. He was born in the land of the midnight sun July 30, 1868, and is a son of Ole

and Haldis (Paulson) Anderson, who were also natives of that country. Coming to America, they reached Emmet county, Iowa, in July, 1871, and took up their abode upon a farm within its borders. The father at once concentrated his energies upon the task of developing and improving his fields and he is still a respected resident of Emmet county but in 1910 was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away on the 7th of August of that year. In their family were five children, all of whom are yet living.

O. O. Anderson was less than three years of age when brought by his parents to the United States, so that practically his entire life has been passed in Emmet county. The common school system afforded him his educational privileges and when he had mastered the branches of learning taught in the district schools he went to Red Wing, Minnesota, where he continued his studies for three years. Later he pursued a commercial course in Decorah, Iowa, following which he returned to his father's farm and was his active assistant in the management and development of the property for eight years. He then became one of the organizers of the Farmers Savings Bank at Wallingford and accepted the position of cashier, in which capacity he has since continued. This bank is capitalized for fifteen thousand dollars and has a surplus of fifteen thousand dollars. It has always had a prosperous existence and its business relations have been constantly broadened. In addition to his banking interests he owns a fine residence in Wallingford.

In his political views Mr. Anderson is a stalwart republican. He has never been an office seeker although interested in the success of his party and at all times keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day. For sixteen years he served as school treasurer. He is a member of the Lutheran church and his life is guided by its teachings, his upright, honorable career causing his fellow townsmen to speak of him always in terms of high regard.

GREGERS JUHL.

Gregers Juhl, who is engaged in general agricultural pursuits on section 4, Center township, Emmet county, was born in Denmark on the 9th of January, 1850, his parents being Eric and Anna Juhl, who spent their entire lives in Denmark. There they reared their family of six children, of whom Gregers was the only son. Four of the daughters are now deceased, the surviving sister of Gregers Juhl being Mrs. P. C. Peterson, living in Buena Vista county, Iowa. The father followed the occupation of wagon making and he and his wife remained residents of Denmark until called to the home beyond.

Gregers Juhl spent the first seventeen years of his life in his native country and then came alone to the new world, for the tales which he had heard concerning business conditions and opportunities on this side

MR. AND MRS. GREGERS JUHL

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the Atlantic led him to the belief that he might have better advantages in America. He first made his way to Lee county, Iowa, where he purchased land and carried on farming for thirteen years. In 1886 he arrived in Emmet county and purchased the northwest quarter of section 4, Center township. Since that time he has added to his holdings a tract of eighty acres on section 33, Ellsworth township, so that he is today the owner of two hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land which his careful labors have brought to a high state of cultivation. His is a well-improved farm and he annually harvests good crops as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon the fields.

In 1874 Mr. Juhl was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy Thompson, of Lee county, Iowa, and they became the parents of six children: Eric, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work; Chris, who is married and is practicing veterinary surgery at Osage, Mitchell county, Iowa; Thomas, who is married and follows farming in Ellsworth township, Emmet county; Andrew, who is a widower engaged in farming in Center township, Emmet county; Louis, who is married and lives in Eagle Grove, Iowa; and John, who is married and follows farming in Ellsworth township.

Mr. Juhl is a member of the Danish and Norwegian Lutheran church and his life is guided by its teachings. Throughout his entire career he has followed honorable principles and his life record is one which will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for here he has found the opportunities which he sought, and by reason of his persistent effort intelligently directed has gained substantial success.

PETER KYHL.

Peter Kyhl won success as a farmer and is now living retired in Ringsted, enjoying at his ease the comforts of life. A native of Denmark, his birth occurred on the 12th of March, 1854, and he is one of the six children born to Nes and Anna (Scott) Kyhl, life-long residents of Denmark, where the father worked as a laborer.

Peter Kyhl spent his first eighteen years in his native country and there received his education. Attracted by the many favorable reports which he heard concerning the United States, he came to this country with his sister Anna, who later became the wife of Rasmus Rasmussen, of Clinton, and is now deceased. For several years before leaving Denmark he worked for others and after coming to this country was employed in a sawmill and lumberyard at Clinton, Iowa, for six years. In 1883 he came to Denmark township, Emmet county, and purchased the north half of the northeast quarter of section 23, upon which he took up his residence at once. There he lived for over three decades and during those years gave the closest attention to the cultivation of his

fields and the care of his live stock. His unremitting industry and his wise management were rewarded by a gratifying financial return and he in time accumulated a competence. In 1915 he retired and built an attractive home in Ringsted, where he now resides.

In Clinton, Iowa, Mr. Kyhl was married to Miss Anna Holm, likewise a native of Denmark, where her parents passed their entire lives. By her marriage she became the mother of six children: Robert, who is married and is farming in Denmark township; Albert, who is married and is a resident of Clinton county, Iowa; Anna, now the wife of Peter Cliver, a banker of Potania, North Dakota; Nes, who is married and lives near Doyon, North Dakota; Alma, the wife of Henry Sorem, of Seneca, Kossuth county, Iowa; and August, who is married and is farming in Denmark township. The wife and mother died March 1, 1910, and is buried in St. Paul's cemetery. In 1912 Mr. Kyhl was united in marriage to Mrs. Christiana (Hansen) Kyhl, the widow of his brother, Jurgen Kyhl, of Marcus, Iowa, where he had settled with his wife upon their emigration to the United States in 1883. They were the parents of a daughter, Anna, who died at the age of fourteen and is buried in Marcus. The father and mother of Mrs. Kyhl were lifelong residents of Denmark.

Peter Kyhl is a republican and has served as township trustee for a number of years and has likewise been a member of the school board for several terms. He belongs to St. Paul's Danish Lutheran church and fraternally is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Ringsted and the Danish Brotherhood. He found in this country the opportunities which he sought and through their utilization has not only won individual prosperity, but has also contributed his share toward the advancement of his community along various lines.

A. M. JOHNSON, JR.

A. M. Johnson, Jr., is one of the most progressive and up-to-date business men of Spirit Lake as well as one of its most public-spirited citizens. He was born in this city on the 23d of December, 1883, and comes of one of its old and honored families, being a son of A. M. Johnson, Sr., mention of whom is made elsewhere in this work. He attended both the grammar and high schools of Spirit Lake and also pursued a business course in a commercial college at Indianola, Iowa.

Mr. Johnson began his early business training in his father's store at Spirit Lake and later started a grocery store at Hayward's Bay on the shores of Spirit Lake for his father to supply the wants of summer boarders. In 1910 he took over the clothing department of his father's business, establishing an up-to-date clothing store in Spirit Lake, which is thoroughly modern in all its appointments, and the stock carried is of the latest designs and the best quality.

On the 27th of September, 1909, in Spirit Lake, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Johnson and Miss Beulah Greattrax, who was born in Hull, Iowa, and came to spirit Lake with her parents during childhood. Her father, Dr. J. H. Greattrax, a well known physician and surgeon, is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have one child, Ellabel, who was born in Spirit Lake.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Johnson has affiliated with the republican party and religiously both he and his wife are connected with the Methodist Episcopal church. He belongs to the Masonic blue lodge, chapter and commandery, has taken the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite, and is also a member of the Mystic Shrine. For the past eight years he has been secretary of the Dickinson County Fair Association and is untiring in his efforts to promote its interests. Public-spirited and progressive, he has done much to advance the welfare of his community along various lines and is today recognized as one of the leading citizens of Spirit Lake.

GEORGE S. ZERFOSS.

George S. Zerfoss, who owns and operates a fine farm of two hundred acres on section 26, Superior township, Dickinson county, claims New York as his native state, his birth occurring February 12, 1844. His parents were Abraham and Elizabeth (Brightman) Zerfoss, the former also a native of the Empire state and the latter of Fall River, Massachusetts. They were married in New York, where they continued to make their home until 1855, when they removed to Iowa and located in Delaware county. The father was not long permitted, however, to enjoy his new home, for he died the year of his arrival here. The mother survived him for several years.

George S. Zerfoss was reared and educated in much the usual manner of farm boys and on reaching manhood began farming on his own account in Delaware county, on land which he had purchased from his father. He continued to reside thereon until 1883 when he came to Dickinson county and purchased one hundred and forty-five acres of his present farm in Superior township. Prospering in his undertakings he was able to add to his property until he now owns two hundred acres of very valuable and productive land. He has erected all the buildings upon his place and has a large orchard in good condition. His farm is well improved and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place plainly indicates that he thoroughly understands the occupation which he follows.

In 1876 Mr. Zerfoss married Miss Elizabeth Stewart, of Delaware county, Iowa, but a native of Canada. They became the parents of ten children, namely: Charles, who is now a lumber dealer of Bemis, South Dakota; Mamie, the wife of Ora Shepherd, of Superior township, Dick-

inson county; Mabel, the wife of Robert Miner, of Blairstown, Iowa; Jud, at home; Donley, a resident of Wahkon, Minnesota; Blanche, the wife of Ora Hasbrook, a resident of Minnesota; Bessie and Bonnie, twins, the former now the wife of John Fries of Minnesota and the latter living with her sister Mamie; Oceana, the wife of William Sanders, of Superior township, Dickinson county; and Robert, at home. The wife and mother passed away on December 30, 1905, leaving many friends as well as her immediate family to mourn her loss.

The democratic party finds in Mr. Zerfoss an earnest supporter and for some years he served as a member of the board of township trustees and also as a member of the school board. He is one of the well known old residents of Superior township and is widely and favorably known throughout Dickinson county, where he has now made his home for over a third of a century.

PETER A. GAARDE.

Much of the success which has characterized the history of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company is due to the efficiency of its secretary, Peter A. Gaarde, of Armstrong. He was born in Denmark in September, 1877, and his parents, Anderson N. and Mary (Hansen) Gaarde, were likewise natives of that country. About 1880 the family emigrated to the United States and after residing for two years in the vicinity of Clinton, Iowa, removed to Emmet county, where the father purchased land in Denmark township. He engaged in farming there until his wife's death in September, 1887, when he sold out. From that time until his demise, which occurred on the 13th of July, 1907, he made his home with his children.

Peter A. Gaarde was but five years old when the family located in Denmark township, Emmet county, and his early education was therefore acquired in the district schools there. Later he was for a time a student at Sioux City, Iowa. When but thirteen years old he went to work and at the age of twenty years he purchased land in Denmark township which he operated for about sixteen years. Subsequently he conducted a furniture store in Ringsted for one year, after which he clerked for a year. He then returned to the farm, but in 1915 took up his residence in Armstrong, where he has since remained. He is devoting much of his time and attention to his duties as secretary of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, a local organization, which has built up a large business. He also looks after his farming interests as he still owns three hundred and twenty acres in Denmark township and two hundred and forty acres in Iowa Lake township.

On New Year's Day, 1908, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Gaarde and Miss Myna Churchill and they have become the parents

of five children, Arnold, Fern, Bernetta, Earl and Grace. A careful study of social and political conditions has led Mr. Gaarde to support the socialist party and he keeps well informed concerning the questions and issues of the day. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America lodge and is also a member of the Lutheran church. He has a wide acquaintance throughout the county and his genuine worth is attested by the fact that those who have known him the most intimately are his stanchest friends.

OLIVER O. REFSELL.

The sons of Norway in Iowa constitute a valuable asset in the citizenship of the state. Of this number Oliver O. Refsell is a representative. He was born in the land of the midnight sun October 8, 1854, and is a brother of James Refsell, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. He was but twelve years of age when brought by his parents to the new world, the family home being established in Emmet county, Iowa, where he was reared and educated, pursuing his studies in the public schools. He worked with his father upon the home farm until he reached the age of thirty-five years and then purchased the old homestead property, comprising one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 28, High Lake township. He has since bent his energies to the further development and improvement of his farm, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation, the fields bringing forth bounteous harvests of those crops which are best adapted to soil and climatic conditions here. In addition to cultivating grain he is engaged quite extensively and successfully in stock raising, both branches of his business proving profitable. He is a very progressive and enterprising business man and owns in addition to his farm property an excellent residence in Wallingford, Iowa. He is also one of the directors of the Farmers Savings Bank at Wallingford, is a stockholder of the elevator and is secretary of the creamery there. Whatever he undertakes he accomplishes, for in his vocabulary there is no such word as fail. He is determined and energetic and his plans are carefully thought out and then promptly executed.

On July 18, 1889, Mr. Refsell was married to Miss Betsy Olson, a native of Norway, and to them have been born five children: Conrad O.; Morris S., who has departed this life; Lloyd G.; Martin K.; and Olga Beatrice. The parents are consistent members of the Lutheran church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful part, and Mr. Refsell is serving now as one of the elders. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and in 1894 was elected to the office of county treasurer, which position he has filled for four terms. He has held nearly all of the township offices and

has made an excellent record as a public official, being at all times loyal to the trust reposed in him, while his skill and efficiency in discharging the duties of his positions have won for him high regard. During the long period of his residence in this part of the state he has become widely and favorably known and everywhere is spoken of in terms of admiration and respect.

HANS W. JENSEN.

For fifteen years Hans W. Jensen has been identified with the banking interests of Ringsted and is today regarded as one of the foremost citizens of that place. He is a native of Ringsted, Denmark, and in 1882 accompanied his parents, Hans and Mary Jensen, on their emigration to America. Coming direct to Emmet county, Iowa, the family located on a farm near Ringsted in Denmark township, where the father followed agricultural pursuits until 1890, and then removed to Graettinger, where he was engaged in the buying of grain in partnership with H. N. Osher until 1906, selling out in that year to the Farmers Elevator Company. Mr. Jensen died in the winter of 1911 but his widow is still living.

During his boyhood Hans W. Jensen attended the public schools of Graettinger and for two winters pursued his studies in a night school in order to keep up with his classes while working in a large store at that place. He began his business career as clerk in the department store of H. N. Osher at Graettinger, where he was employed until 1902, and then accepted a position as bookkeeper in the Danish-American Savings Bank at Ringsted, where he has since made his home. In 1903, at the early age of twenty-three years, he was elected cashier of the bank and continued to serve in that capacity until the 1st of January, 1905. Mr. Jensen then resigned to engage in mercantile business with Carl Iverson, under the firm name of Iverson & Jensen, and they conducted general stores in Ringsted, Hoprig and Halfa until 1908, when he sold his interest in these establishments to H. L. Iverson. After the sale of the Danish-American Savings Bank to parties in Algona he was again offered the position of cashier, which he accepted June 1, 1909, and which he filled until December 14, 1911. The bank was then consolidated with the Ringsted State Bank and Mr. Jensen was elected assistant cashier of the new organization and served as such until the 1st of January, 1915, since which time he has filled the office of vice president. He owns considerable stock in the Ringsted State Bank and several business houses in the town besides some valuable farm land.

On the 27th of October, 1909, at Ringsted, Mr. Jensen was united in marriage to Miss Edith M. Young, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar N. Young living near Hoprig, Iowa. Her father, who was one of the successful farmers in that locality and stood high in the community, served as vice president of the Danish-American Savings Bank, of which he was

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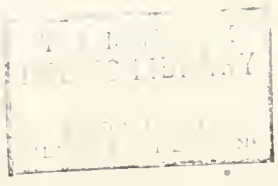


a director, and in 1915 was elected president of the Ringsted State Bank. He died in July of that year, leaving a wife and two daughters, Edith May and Blanche Irene, and son, Harry. Mrs. Jensen was born in Oskaloosa, Iowa, and came with her parents to Emmet county in 1896. She was graduated from the Ringsted schools and studied music at Storm Lake, Iowa, in Buena Vista College, after which she engaged in teaching music in and around Ringsted for several years. She is now the organist of the Presbyterian church at that place and is a leader in church work. Mr. and Mrs. Jensen have a daughter, Verda Belle, born December 3, 1910.

During the years 1898 and 1899 Mr. Jensen was one of the most prominent cyclists in this section of the state, being classed among the professional riders, and he won a great many gold and silver medals. He was the champion rider of Palo Alto county and many times won races at Estherville and other places. He took part in the national events at St. Paul, Minneapolis, and other cities, where there were professional riders from all over the United States. During one of these races for the national three-mile handicap there were seventeen starters but only three of them finished the race and Mr. Jensen was one of these, coming in third. He is a republican in politics and is a member of the Masonic lodge at Armstrong, Iowa. He is one of the leading and prominent members of the Presbyterian church of Ringsted and is now serving as an elder and one of its board of trustees. He occupies an enviable position in business circles, where his true worth is widely recognized, and the success that has come to him is but the just reward of his own well-directed efforts.

H. O. DEAN.

H. O. Dean has won a gratifying measure of prosperity and built up a business that is a factor in the development of Terril and the surrounding country. He deals in butter, eggs and poultry and concentrates his energy and attention upon the management of his business interests. He was born in Carroll county, Iowa, April 18, 1875, and is a son of Horace F. and Electa (Pelham) Dean, both natives of the state of New York, whence they removed to Iowa, he in young manhood and she as a girl with her parents. After living for two years in Clinton, Iowa, both families removed to Clinton county, where Mr. Dean and Miss Pelham were married. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in Company H, Twenty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was at the front for three years and three months, seeing a great deal of active service as his regiment was one of the famous fighting regiments of the war. For valor and meritorious conduct he was promoted to first sergeant and color bearer. After the close of the war he returned to Iowa, and two years later took up his residence in Carroll county, that state, where he farmed until he retired from active life in 1892

and removed to Dunlap, Harrison county, where he lived until his death December 22, 1909. He had survived his wife for five years, as she passed away in 1904.

H. O. Dean was educated in the public schools of Westside, Iowa, and after graduating from the high school in 1893 he entered a drug store in Rockwell City in order to study pharmacy, and subsequently was connected with a drug store in Dunlap. After devoting seven years to the drug business he was employed by a grain and stock buyer in Dunlap for some time, or until 1905. In that year he came to Terril and for five years bought grain for the DeWolf & Wells Company of Spencer, Iowa. Since 1910 he has been engaged on his own account in the produce business, handling butter, eggs and poultry, and he is ranked among the prominent business men of Terril. He believes in the value of real estate investment and holds an equity in two farms, one in Dickinson county and the other in Emmet county.

Mr. Dean was married in 1895 to Miss Edith Miller of Pomeroy, Iowa, and they have two daughters, Iva M. and Daisy L. Mr. Dean suports the candidates of the republican party at the polls and is interested in everything affecting the welfare of his country. He is now serving on the school board and gives careful attention to the discharge of his official duties. He has a number of fraternal connections, belonging to Richloyd Lodge, No. 612, A. F. & A. M., of Terril; Spirit Lake Chapter, No. 132, R. A. M.; and the Modern Woodmen of America. His has been an active and well spent life and he has won not only financial success but also the unqualified respect of all who know him.

WILLIAM ALFRED LADD.

William Alfred Ladd, attorney at law at Estherville, where he has practiced continuously for thirty-five years, was born November 10, 1856, on a farm near Damascus, Mahoning county, Ohio, a son of Joshua and Lydia C. Ladd, the former a native of Charles City county, Virginia, and the latter of Mahoning county, Ohio.

In the common schools of his native state William A. Ladd began his education and later attended Damascus Academy and Mount Union College of Mount Union, Ohio, completing the philosophical course in the latter institution in 1876. Determining upon the practice of law as a life work, he began studying in the office of an attorney and later matriculated in the State University of Iowa, graduating from the law department of that institution with the class of June, 1880. Before entering upon his law studies, however, he engaged in farming and stock raising in Ohio and during the winter and spring seasons taught in the common schools for a number of years. It was in 1879 that he came to this state and began his law reading, at the same time acting as law clerk in the office where he studied. In 1881 he entered into

partnership with O. L. Binford, of Marshalltown, Iowa, and in August, 1882, removed to Estherville, where he formed a partnership with J. B. Binford. That relationship was maintained until 1886, since which time Mr. Ladd has been in business alone.

On the 3d of October, 1883, in Marshalltown, Iowa, Mr. Ladd was married to Miss Eva M. Estabrook, a daughter of Royal and Augusta (Franklin) Estabrook. She was born in Vermont, of which state her father was also a native, but her mother was born in Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Ladd have a son, Clarence E., who is now living at Grand Forks, North Dakota. He married Alizanah Bachman on the 17th of June, 1908, and they have a daughter, Ruth Mary.

Mr. and Mrs. Ladd are members of Grace Episcopal church of Estherville and fraternally he is connected with the Brotherhood of American Yeomen and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In politics he has always been a republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and for four or more terms he served as city attorney of Estherville and was also county superintendent of schools for Emmet county from 1882 to 1892. He is recognized as a lawyer of pronounced ability, careful and painstaking in the preparation of his cases, direct and forceful in argument and logical in his conclusions.

GEORGE A. PORTS.

George A. Ports, cashier of the Huntington Bank, has been continuously identified with banking interests since making his initial step in the business world in 1900. He has closely applied himself to his work and is now thoroughly conversant with all of the main points in banking and many of the details. He was born in Carroll county, Illinois, April 18, 1880, a son of J. J. and Lottie (Walters) Ports, who were natives of Maryland and of Illinois respectively. In 1892 they removed to Iowa, settling first at Iowa Falls, where they resided for five years. On the expiration of that period they established their home upon a farm in Emmet county, whereon they resided until 1912, the father becoming one of the leading agriculturists of the district. They then removed to Estherville, where they now reside, and they are among the highly respected residents of that place.

George A. Ports is one of a family of four children, of whom three are yet living. He pursued his education in the schools of Iowa Falls, becoming a high school pupil there, and eventually he entered a business college at Minneapolis, Minnesota, from which he was graduated in July, 1900, thus qualifying for life's practical and responsible duties. He afterward turned his attention to the banking business at Dolliver, where he remained for a year and a half, and in 1902 he removed to Huntington, accepting the position of cashier in the bank of that place. He has since served in that capacity, taking an active part in directing the policy and shaping the business interests of the bank.

In August, 1903, Mr. Ports was married to Miss Louise Rackliff, who was born at Humboldt, Iowa, and is a daughter of Eli and Addie (Neal) Rackliff, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Ports have become the parents of three sons: Eugene H., born May 26, 1904; Jay N., September 22, 1906; and Paul F., January 2, 1909.

The family occupy a fine new home at Huntington which is the property of Mr. Ports. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and he belongs also to the Masonic lodge at Estherville and to the Modern Woodmen camp at Huntington, of which he has been clerk for ten years. In politics he is a republican and he is now filling the office of township school treasurer. He is actuated in all that he does by a public-spirited devotion to the general good and his energy and industry have made him a representative business man of the town in which he resides.

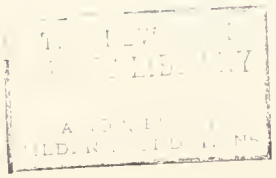
NELS H. NELSON.

On coming to the new world Nels H. Nelson was in limited circumstances but as the result of his own untiring efforts and sound judgment is today the owner of a valuable farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Emmet county, his home being on section 27, Denmark township. He was born in Sweden on the 19th of June, 1849, and is a son of Nels P. and Christine Catherine (Larson) Nelson, who continued to make their home in that country throughout life, the father following the occupation of farming to support himself and family. There were eight children, of whom Nels H. is the second in order of birth. At the usual age he entered the common schools, where he continued his studies until confirmed and for two years he trained for the army as is the custom in Sweden. Leaving home he worked on neighboring farms until twenty-two years of age and then engaged in cutting and hauling lumber until coming to the United States at the age of thirty-one years.

Before leaving Sweden Mr. Nelson married Miss Mary F. Johnson, whose parents were lifelong residents of that country and are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have four children: Henry, born in Sweden, and Herman, born in Fulton county, Illinois, who now aids in in the operation of the home farm; Charles, who was born in Clinton, Iowa, and is now a banker of St. James, Minnesota; and Esther, who was born in Emmet county, Iowa, and is connected with a bank at Tyler, Minnesota. Charles is married and has one child, Richard Charles.

It was in 1880 that Mr. Nelson, accompanied by his family, sailed for the United States and on reaching this country proceeded to Fulton, Illinois, where he worked in a lumberyard for a time. Subsequently he moved across the Mississippi river to Clinton, Iowa, where seven years were spent, and in the spring of 1888 came to Emmet county and took up his abode in Denmark township, purchasing eighty acres of land com-

MR. AND MRS. NELS H. NELSON



prising the north half of the southwest quarter of section 27. Later he bought the west half of the northwest quarter of the same section and the southeast quarter of section 28, so that he now has a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres, which he has placed under excellent cultivation. He has been a director of the Forsythe Creamery Company and has served as its president and treasurer. In politics he is a republican and in religious faith is a Lutheran, belonging to St. Paul's church. He is a progressive, up-to-date farmer who has met with success in his undertakings.

W. A. BRUNEMEIER.

One of the most prominent and influential citizens of Lake Park is W. A. Brunemeier. He was born in Warren county, Missouri, on the 26th of June, 1869, and is of German parentage, being a son of Christian and Minnie (Vichrabe) Brunemeier, who came to America from Germany in the early '60s and located in Illinois. They only remained in that state a short time, however, and then removed to Missouri. In 1881 they came to Iowa and settled in Hardin county, where the father died in 1886. The mother died February 8, 1917. Four of their six children still survive.

W. A. Brunemeier remained at home until twenty years of age and during that time acquired an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits. On starting out in life for himself he worked as a farm hand and then engaged in farming on rented land for one year. During the following ten years he was interested in the harness business in Hardin county but at the end of that time sold out and purchased a farm, which he operated for two years. In 1902 he came to Dickinson county and bought another farm, whereon he lived until 1907. During the next three years he was engaged in the grain business at Lake Park, having charge of the Farmers elevator, but at the end of that time he returned to his farm and operated the same for four years. Since then he has been a resident of Lake Park and is now manager of the Farmers elevator, in which he owns stock. He is also a stockholder in the creamery at this place and is one of the representative business men of the town.

On the 14th of March, 1900, Mr. Brunemeier married Miss Rose M. McFarland, a native of Hardin county, Iowa, and a daughter of L. D. and Hulda McFarland. By this union there has been born a son, Harold A., whose birth occurred October 29, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Brunemeier are earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he has served as superintendent of the Sunday school for several years. He also belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and is a stanch republican in politics, taking an active and commendable interest in public affairs. In 1910 he was elected county supervisor from the second district and served at that time for four years. In 1916 he

was reelected and will take office in January, 1918. He is also president of the Dickinson County Farm Improvement Association and for nine years has been a member of the school board. His official service has been above reproach and he has always been found true to any trust reposed in him whether of a public or private nature. He is regarded as one of the foremost citizens of his community and wherever known is held in high regard.

C. R. HENRY.

Business enterprise, intelligently directed, has made C. R. Henry one of the representative merchants of Emmet county, within whose borders he has made his home since 1913. He is now proprietor of a hardware store at Gruver. His birth occurred at Bonfield, Illinois, July 20, 1891, his parents being George O. and Emma (Bally) Henry, who are also natives of that state, where they are still living. To them were born eight children and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death.

C. R. Henry spent his boyhood and youth in the state of his nativity and is indebted to its public school system for the educational opportunity which he enjoyed. He left home at the age of seventeen years to make his own way in the world and whatever success he has since achieved is attributable entirely to his earnest effort. His first position was that of shipping clerk with James H. Watson at Bradley, Illinois, where he remained for a year. He next entered the service of the Chicago, Indiana & Southern Railroad Company, with which he continued for a year, and on the expiration of that period he spent two years with the firm of Sears, Roebuck & Company. In 1913 he arrived in Emmet county and opened the hardware store at Gruver which he now carries on. He is one of the enterprising merchants of the town and his business activity is bringing to him merited success.

Mr. Henry belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party, feeling that its platform contains the best elements of good government. He is actuated in all that he does by a spirit of enterprise and progress which assures his continued advancement in the business world.

AUGUST DOBBERSTEIN.

A large and well developed farm of two hundred and seventy-nine acres on section 18, Emmet township, pays tribute to the care and labor bestowed upon it by its owner, August Dobberstein, whose life of well directed energy and thrift has brought him a substantial measure of success. He was born in Germany, April 6, 1858, and is a son of Antone

and Julia Dobberstein, both of whom were natives of Germany, where they spent their entire lives, there rearing their family of six children, four of whom survive.

August Dobberstein acquired his education in the schools of the fatherland and remained a resident of that country until he reached the age of twenty-five years, when he severed home ties and crossed the Atlantic in 1883, first making his way to Wisconsin. In 1884 he removed to Butler county, Iowa, where he resided for nineteen years, and in 1903 he became a resident of Emmet county, Iowa, where he purchased the farm on section 18, Emmet township, upon which he now makes his home. It is an excellent tract of land of two hundred and seventy-nine acres, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation and to which he has added many modern and attractive improvements in the way of fine buildings, so that his farm constitutes one of the pleasing features of the landscape.

In 1882 Mr. Dobberstein was united in marriage to Miss Rosella Kreinke, a native of Germany, and to them have been born five children: Elsie, who married Joe Kenny, of Emmet county; August, deceased; John, at home; Lena, the wife of Elmer Herbranson, now of Minot, North Dakota; and Francis, at home. The parents are members of the Catholic church and Mr. Dobberstein gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. His life has been one of untiring activity and all that he possesses has been made by him since he came to the new world. He has steadily and persistently worked his way upward and his achievements show what can be accomplished when one has the will to dare and to do.

EDWARD D. SCHAEFER.

Edward D. Schaefer, who owns a fine farm on section 3, Armstrong Grove township, is making a specialty of raising high grade Chester White hogs and has been a leader in the development of the stock raising interests of the county. He is also financially interested in the Farmers Elevator Company and the Farmers Creamery Company, both of Armstrong. A native of Wisconsin, he was born in Dane county, December 29, 1859, a son of John and Marguerite Schaefer, both of whom were born in Germany. Upon crossing the Atlantic they located in Canada, but after a short time removed to Chicago, whence they went to Milwaukee. Subsequently they removed to Dane county and there the father purchased land which he farmed until his death in 1891. He had survived his wife for ten years.

Edward D. Schaefer grew to manhood in Dane county, Wisconsin, and after completing his education gave his entire time to assisting his father. When he became of age he was given charge of the home farm and operated it for two years, but in 1882 he went to South Dakota

and took up land under the homestead act, cultivating that tract for seven years. He then disposed of the property and went to Jackson county, Minnesota, whence, three years later, he came to Emmet county, Iowa. For four years he rented land here and at the end of that time was able to buy eighty acres on section 3, Armstrong Grove township, which he still owns. He has given particular attention to the breeding of Chester White hogs and has found that business highly profitable. He has investments other than his farm as he is financially interested in the Farmers Elevator Company and the Farmers Creamery Company of Armstrong.

On the 24th of August, 1880, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Schaefer and Miss Lizzie Ulrich and they have three children: Barbara, the wife of George Paul, of Armstrong, Iowa; Clara, who married Fred Mussen, a merchant of Gruver, Emmet county; and Elmer, who married Pearl Helgason and is farming the home place.

Mr. Schaefer is a stanch advocate of the principles of the democratic party and takes a commendable interest in public affairs, although never an office seeker. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, which indicates his interest in the moral welfare of his community, and his life has conformed so closely to high standards of ethics as to win him the sincere respect of his fellows.

DANIEL SORENSEN.

Daniel Sorensen, who is operating the family homestead in Denmark township, has chosen to devote his time and energy to dairying and has given careful study to the various phases of that business. He was born in Franklin county, Iowa, November 27, 1881, a son of John A. and Mary (Davidsen) Sorensen, who are living retired in Ringsted and a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He received his education in the district schools and later attended Des Moines College, being a student there during the year 1902-3. After completing his education he worked as a carpenter for four years, or until he was twenty-five years old, and during the succeeding seven years operated a farm belonging to his father in Kossuth county. In 1913, when his parents retired, he purchased the home place in Denmark township, Emmet county, and has since resided there. His farm comprises the south half of the northwest quarter of section 13 and the north forty acres of the northwest quarter of section 24 and is as good land as can be found in the township. The improvements upon the place are modern and everything is kept in the best of repair. He is specializing in dairying, has a fine herd of cows and receives a gratifying annual income from the sale of his milk.

Mr. Sorensen was married in 1909 to Miss Ida Carrie Henricksen, a daughter of John and Hannah Henricksen, of Denmark township.

Two children have been born to this union, namely: Arnold, whose birth occurred December 9, 1910; and Edna, born December 16, 1914.

The republican party has a stanch supporter in Mr. Sorensen but he has never had the time nor the inclination to take an active part in politics. Fraternally he is connected with the Yeomen at Ringsted and his church membership is held in St. Paul's. The same qualities which have enabled him to win a place among the substantial men of his locality ensure his continued success.

HILAND H. SHIPMAN.

Hiland H. Shipman, now living retired in Milford, Iowa, was born on the 20th of April, 1841, in Vermont, of which state his parents, Asher and Mary (Taylor) Shipman, were also natives. The father worked at the shoemaker's trade and was also a dealer in shoes at Weathersfield, Vermont, where he died in 1842. The mother subsequently married again and her death occurred in Milford, Iowa, in 1902.

In the Green Mountain state Hiland H. Shipman grew to manhood, in the meantime pursuing his studies in the local schools. He was twenty years of age when the Civil war broke out and he offered his services to the Union, enlisting in 1861 in Company E, Fourth Vermont Volunteer Infantry. After spending about one year at the front, he was honorably discharged on account of illness and returned to his home in Vermont. A year and a half later he removed to Fulton, New York, where he engaged in clerking in a store for one year and then worked for an uncle about the same length of time.

It was in 1865 that Mr. Shipman came to Iowa, accompanying his mother and stepfather on their removal to Delaware county, where he worked at the carpenter's trade until 1871. Since that time he has been a resident of Dickinson county. On his arrival here he took up a homestead on section 36, Milford township, on which he erected sod buildings, and at once began to break the ground and put the land under cultivation. Later he built a frame house and made other substantial improvements, continuing the operation of that farm until September, 1892, when he removed to a tract of twenty-one acres south of Milford. At that time he practically retired from active labor but continued to supervise his farming interests until 1912, when he took up his abode at his present residence in Milford. For several years he served as a director of the First National Bank of that place but later resigned although he is still a stockholder.

On the 24th of December, 1874, Mr. Shipman married Miss Abbie Bisbee, a daughter of Alvin and Diana (Litchfield) Bisbee, who were natives of Massachusetts and pioneers of Dickinson county, arriving here in 1872. After following farming for many years Mr. Bisbee sold

out and removed to Osage, Iowa, where he passed away May 18, 1906. His widow is still living at the age of eighty-nine years and makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Shipman. To our subject and his wife was born one child, Minnie, who married J. B. Coyle and died in April, 1905, and Mr. Coyle passed away November 16, 1913.

Politically Mr. Shipman is a republican and while residing upon his farm he served as township trustee, clerk and assessor of Milford township. In 1890 he built several bridges in Dickinson county and has borne a prominent part in the development of this region, especially along agricultural lines. In religious faith he is a Congregationalist and he is now serving as commander of Waller Post, G. A. R., of which he has long been an honored member. A loyal and patriotic citizen, he has been found as true to his country in days of peace as in time of war and he is held in the highest esteem by all who know him.

JOSEPH JOHN ESTES.

Joseph John Estes, who is still engaged in farming in Spirit Lake township, was one of the early settlers of the county and throughout the many years of his residence here has been held in high esteem by all who know him. He was born near Princeton, in Bureau county, Illinois, on the 23d of January, 1859, and is a son of John Marion and Polly (Johnstone) Estes. The father was born in Indiana, received a good education in that state and in his youth learned the mechanic's trade. He was married in Indianapolis and went with his bride partly by river and partly overland to Muscatine, Iowa, where he was employed on the construction of an iron bridge which the government was building across the Mississippi. Subsequently he conducted a machine and blacksmith shop in Bureau county, Illinois, near Princeton, manufacturing plows, etc. After the completion of the railroad to Sheffield he removed to that town, where he passed his remaining days. His wife, a native of Allisonville, now a part of Cincinnati, Ohio, was taken by her parents to Indianapolis, Indiana, when but five years old, the family traveling the entire distance on horseback. She died in Sheffield.

Joseph J. Estes received his education in his native county but was compelled to go to work at the early age of ten years as his father had died five years previously and the family was in limited circumstances. He worked during the summers and had the privilege of attending school during the winter months. He remained in the prairie state until he was twenty-five years old, when he emigrated westward, arriving in Spirit Lake in March, 1884. For twelve years he rented land in Spirit Lake township and in 1896 bought one hundred and thirty-five acres on section 73, that township, to which he has added by subsequent purchase, his holdings now comprising two hundred and forty acres in a body. When he bought his farm there were some fairly good buildings thereon but he

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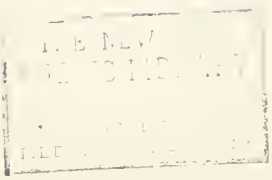

has made many other improvements, thereby greatly enhancing the value of the place. He does general farming but is giving particular attention to the raising of registered Poland China hogs. He aided in organizing the telephone company and is ranked among the substantial men of his township.

On the 17th day of May, 1881, Mr. Estes was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Parker at Princeton, Illinois. She was born in Bureau county, that state, and there received her education. Her parents, Albert M. and Effie (Coleman) Parker, were both born in Hackettstown, New Jersey, but became early settlers of Bureau county, Illinois, where the father engaged in farming for many years. He lived retired in Sheffield, Illinois, until his death, March 26, 1917. His wife passed away some years previous. To Mr. and Mrs. Estes have been born nine children. Joseph Randall, a native of Bureau county, Illinois, owns and operates land on section 13, Spirit Lake township. He married Miss Altona Gray, of Dickinson county, and they have a son, Harold Randall. Laura May, who was born in Spirit Lake township, is the wife of Ernest C. Carlton, the present treasurer of Dickinson county. Dora Hazel, who was born in Diamond Lake township, Dickinson county, is the wife of George E. Mitchell, a member of the firm of Mitchell Brothers, owners of the Spirit Lake Motor Company. Albert Monroe, who was born in Diamond Lake township, Dickinson county, is now a mechanic and resides in Spirit Lake. Elsie Genevieve, who was also born in Diamond Lake township, is the wife of Clyde Beck, a farmer of Jackson county, Minnesota. Jesse Earl and Bessie Pearl are twins. Tracy and Ruth Elizabeth are attending school.

Mr. Estes is a stanch democrat in politics and has served his township as tax assessor and has also been secretary of the school board for eight years. In religious faith he is a Universalist and fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America at Spirit Lake, in which he has held various offices. He is characterized by sound judgment, enterprise and a progressive spirit and the prosperity which he has won is but the natural result of the exercise of those qualities.

INGVAL S. REFSELL.

Ingval S. Refsell is a representative of a prominent and well known family of Emmet county. He has practically been a lifelong resident here, for he was only two and one-half years of age when brought by his parents to Iowa. He was born in Norway, December 3, 1864, a son of Ole and Mary Refsell, who in 1867 came to the United States and established their home in Emmet county, casting in their lot with its early settlers. The family home was one of the pioneer farms of the district and thereon Ingval S. Refsell was reared, while his education was acquired in the district schools not far distant. When not busy with his textbooks he worked in the fields and his youth was a period

of earnest labor in which he learned to correctly value industry and perseverance as factors in the attainment of success. He remained at home until he attained his majority and then purchased the farm upon which he now resides, comprising two hundred and twenty acres of land on section 21, High Lake township. In the intervening years he has wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of his place, to which he has added many modern improvements, including fine buildings that furnish ample shelter to grain and stock. His home is an attractive residence and is the abode of warm-hearted hospitality. In addition to tilling his fields he makes a specialty of raising stock and in that undertaking is meeting with deserved success.

On December 12, 1894, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Refsell and Miss Bertha Nestegaard, a native of Norway and a daughter of Lars and Bertha (Swenson) Nestegaard, who were also born in the same country. They came to America in early life and spent their remaining days in Emmet county. Mr. and Mrs. Refsell have become parents of a son and three daughters: Ole L., Mabel S., Ina Bertha and Alice Irene.

Mr. Refsell supports the republican party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He has served as school director but has never been a politician in the usually accepted sense of seeking office. He and his wife are consistent members of the Lutheran church, loyal to its teachings and its purposes, and they have gained many warm friends by reason of the spirit of Christianity which they display in every relation of life. Mr. Refsell has proven himself an enterprising and progressive business man, utilizing his time and talents to good advantage, and he has ever keep abreast with the spirit of progress in the methods in which he carries on his farm work.

CHRIS ECKHART.

Since removing to Armstrong from his farm Chris Eckhart has conducted a horse and auto livery and has proved very successful in the management of his business interests. A native of Illinois, he was born in Lee county on the 17th of April, 1862, a son of Henry and Martha (Motz) Eckhart, who removed from Germany to America many years ago. The father purchased land in Lee county, Illinois, and engaged in farming there until his death in 1876. He was survived for many years by his widow, who died in October, 1913.

Chris Eckhart was reared and educated in Lee county, Illinois, and remained with his mother until he became of age, when he removed westward to Tama county, Iowa. He rented land there until 1892, when he arrived in Emmet county and bought land in Lincoln township. The farm was unimproved when it came into his possession, but as the years passed he made it one of the best developed farms of his locality,

devoting his entire attention to its operation until February, 1916, when he sold the place and came to Armstrong. He has since conducted a horse and auto delivery and derives a good income from his business. He likewise owns stock in the Farmers Elevator Company of Armstrong and the Farmers Savings Bank at Dolliver.

In 1895 Mr. Eckhart was united in marriage to Miss Lena Bloss, who died in 1898, leaving two children, Fred and Mary, both still at home. On the 17th of December, 1900, Mr. Eckhart was married to Miss Henrietta Sievers and they had two children, but both died in infancy.

Mr. Eckhart is a strong republican and has discharged to the full the duties devolving upon him as a good citizen but has never been an office seeker. He is in sympathy with the work of all the churches, but has never been identified with any one denomination. He is characterized by broad-mindedness, enterprise and strict honesty and is justly held in high esteem by all who know him.

CECIL McNARY.

The time and energy of Cecil McNary have been devoted to the management of important business interests and an active participation in the public life of his town. He is manager of the James A. Smith Lumber Company at Terril, and is also vice president of the First National Bank. A native of Iowa, he was born in Linn county, July 20, 1870, a son of John and Rebecca (Gift) McNary. The father's birth also occurred in that county, where his parents settled in the early days. There he grew to manhood and was married, but in 1870 he homesteaded land in O'Brien county, where he maintained his residence until 1882, in which year he removed to Palo Alto county. For thirty years he engaged in merchandizing in Ruthven, but for the past two or three years has lived retired there.

Cecil McNary was graduated from the high school at Ruthven in 1887 and during the next eight years was employed in his father's store. In 1895 he came to Terril and for about eighteen years conducted a hardware store, building up a trade of large volume. When the First National Bank was organized in 1912 he became one of its stockholders and was elected a member of the board of directors. In 1916 he was chosen vice president of the bank and is still filling that office. Since 1914 he has had charge of the Terril branch of the James A. Smith Lumber Company, and the interests entrusted to his care have profited greatly from his careful and enterprising management. He is one of the substantial men of Terril, and owns a business block in addition to his residence.

Mr. McNary was united in marriage in 1895 to Miss Marie Burten of Ruthven, and they have six children: Gladys E., the wife of Horton

Sperry, of Willmar, Minnesota; and Frank E., Mildred L., Howard L., Everett and Eva May, at home.

Mr. McNary is a republican in politics and has served as a member of the town council and as mayor. He has also held the office of justice of the peace and has been a member of the school board, and nothing effecting the interests of his community has been foreign to him. Fraternally he belongs to Richloyd Lodge, No. 612, A. F. & A. M., of Terril; Superior Lodge, No. 674, I. O. O. F., of Superior, and the Modern Woodmen of America. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. The success which he has gained and the high esteem in which he is universally held are but the natural results of his well directed energy and his strict adherance to high moral standards.

THORVALD OLSEN.

Thorvald Olsen, actively identified with farming interests in Swan Lake township, his home being on section 35, was born in Norway on the 14th of May, 1856, a son of Ole and Gunhilda (Thronson) Olsen. The father died in Norway, after which the mother came to the United States with her son Thorvald and made her home with a son in Illinois. She passed away in 1879.

Through the period of his boyhood and youth Thorvald Olsen attended the common schools of his native country and when eighteen years of age crossed the Atlantic to the new world, making his way to Lee county, Illinois, where he resided for nine years, being employed as a farm hand in that district. His brother, who was at that time a resident of Lee county, sent him his ticket to come to the United States. In 1883 Thorvald Olsen removed to Iowa and for eight months resided in Hamilton county but in the spring of 1884 came to Emmet county, where two years before, or in 1882 he had purchased eighty acres of land in Armstrong Grove township. On his arrival in Emmet county he located upon that land and for five years occupied the farm. He then sold out and bought his present home place, comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 35, Swan Lake township. This farm he has improved and it is now one of the valuable properties of the district. It is well equipped according to modern methods of agricultural development and his labors have brought to him substantial financial returns.

In 1884 Mr. Olsen was united in marriage to Miss Julia Berven, a native of Norway, who came to America about 1882. Five sons and a daughter have blessed this marriage: Ole, at home; Knute, who is a ranchman of Montana; Thomas, who is farming in Emmet county; Gustav, a twin brother of Thomas and a resident of South Dakota; Alfred, at home; and Lizzie, the wife of Herman Sorum, of Estherville.

Mr. Olsen votes with the republican party and is thoroughly conversant with the leading questions and issues of the day. He has served as

township trustee and as school director for several years. He and his family are members of the Norwegian church and they are people of genuine worth, esteemed and respected by all with whom they have come in contact. Mr. Olsen deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. He arrived in America practically penniless and from that point has worked his way steadily upward, making good use of his time and opportunities. He has never been afraid of hard work and his diligence and determination have been the basic elements of his growing success.

HOWARD GRAVES.

Howard Graves, who for fifty-three years remained one of the distinguished and eminent citizens of Emmet county, honored by all who knew him, took active part in promoting public progress and improvement along many lines from the period of pioneer development down to the time of present-day progress and prosperity. So closely was he connected with the county that his life history will be of the deepest interest to many of our readers. He was a native of St. Lawrence county, New York, and a son of Gaylord Graves, who removed with his family to Wisconsin, where he took active part in public affairs, becoming a member of the territorial legislature and afterward serving as a member of the state legislature. In the early days of Emmet county, Iowa, he came here with his son, Howard Graves, and was one of the grantors of the original plat of Estherville.

When the work of progress and improvement had scarcely been begun in Emmet county, Howard Graves took up his abode here. From that time forward the part which he played in the development of the county was a very important one. For twenty years he served as postmaster of Estherville and he was also a member of the city council, in which connection he gave earnest consideration to the questions that came up for settlement regarding municipal welfare. He also filled most of the county offices and in 1866 he was elected to represent his district in the Iowa general assembly. His was indeed a useful career and at all times he was found fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation.

. Mr. Graves was closely connected with business interests in Emmet county as a banker. In 1871 he founded the first banking house within the borders of the county. This was originally a private bank and afterward became the Estherville State Bank, of which Mr. Graves was chosen president, so continuing until the year of his death—1913. He was actively engaged in its conduct and management from the time of its establishment until his demise.

Mr. Graves was united in marriage to Miss Mary Louise Blackman, a native of Connecticut. She came to Emmet county with him and together they endured the hardships of pioneer life. She was a woman

of strong character and kindly spirit and her benevolence and hospitality were noteworthy. Her activity in church and social circles was continued until her death in 1902. Mr. Graves was characterized as a man of kindly disposition and of simple life and tastes. He possessed keen judgment and was always governed by the most rigid honesty and integrity. His generosity and charity were well known to all those with whom he came in contact. The familiar face and figure of Howard Graves will never be forgotten by those who have resided here nor by those who have come and gone in the long period during which Emmet county has developed from an unpeopled prairie into a prosperous and populous section of the state.

HALVOR EGERTSON.

Halvor Egertson, a well known and representative farmer of Twelve Mile Lake township, Emmet county, resides on section 2. He was born in Norway, November 26, 1851, a son of Egert and Gro Erikson, who always remained residents of Norway, never coming to the new world. The father was both a farmer and a mason. In the family were seven children, six sons and a daughter.

Halvor Egertson attended district schools in his native country and in 1881, when in his thirtieth year, crossed the Atlantic to the United States, making his way at once to Iowa. Taking up his abode in Emmet county, he worked on a farm until 1888 and during that period carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economy had brought him enough capital to enable him to purchase land. He then became owner of the south half of the northeast quarter of section 2, Twelve Mile Lake township, and afterward purchased forty acres adjoining his farm on the south, thus making it a tract of one hundred and twenty acres, which he has since carefully and successfully conducted. He now has a well improved farm property and the practical and progressive methods which he follows in cultivating his fields result in winning substantial harvests.

In 1876 Mr. Egertson was united in marriage to Miss Christie Nestegard, a daughter of Lars and Bertha Nestegard, also natives of Norway. To Mr. and Mrs. Egertson were born seven children: Erik; Louis and Gundy, both at home; Stephen, deceased; Belle, at home; Helene, now the wife of A. H. Gunderson, of Twelve Mile Lake township; and Emma, the wife of John Nelson, who is living in Wallingford, Iowa.

The parents are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and guide their lives according to its teachings. In his political views Mr. Egertson is a republican and has held a number of township offices, to which he has been called by his fellow townsmen, who recognize his loyalty and progressiveness in matters of citizenship. He has won suc-

cess through hard work, earnest effort and persistency of purpose and is now one of the substantial agriculturists of the community.

His eldest son, Erik Egertson, was born in Norway, January 29, 1877, and was therefore a little lad of four years when his parents came to the new world. At the usual age he entered the district schools, in which he pursued his education until he reached the age of sixteen. He then began working for his father on the home farm and also followed carpentering until he reached the age of twenty-six. In the meantime, or when he had attained his majority, he purchased the west half of the southeast quarter of section 2, Twelve Mile Lake township, and five years later he began farming upon that tract of land. He has since given his attention to general agricultural pursuits and has followed progressive methods in all that he has undertaken, transforming his place into a highly improved and productive farm.

In 1903 Erik Egertson was married to Miss Sophia Myhre, a daughter of Ole and Gunild (Brunweld) Myhre, of Center township, Emmet county. They have five children: Hagbert, Oswald, Ernest, Kermit and Lauritz. Erik Egertson has served as school director and, like his father, is interested in all those forces which tend to advance the welfare and progress of his community. At the same time he is, like his father, a representative agriculturist of his section of the county, leading a life of honorable activity fraught with good results.

JOHN KORRECT.

John Korrect was one of the many successful farmers who after accumulating a competence removed to Armstrong, there enjoying a period of rest from labor. He passed away here in April, 1914, when sixty-eight years old. A native of Germany, his birth occurred in Cologne on the 24th of March, 1846, and he was a son of Wymer and Helen (Hiprich) Korrect. At an early day in the development of the middle west the family emigrated from Germany to the United States, the voyage requiring seventy-seven days, and about 1856 located in Peru, Illinois. The father purchased land in that vicinity and farmed there until his death in 1883. The mother died sixteen years later.

John Korrect began his education in Germany and completed it in the schools of Peru, Illinois. He early became familiar with practical methods of farm work and remained with his parents until he was twenty-three years old, when he began farming on his own account in Illinois. It was in 1893 that he purchased land in Kossuth county, Iowa, and for eighteen years he gave his entire attention to the cultivation of that place. At length he removed to Armstrong, where he lived in honorable retirement until his death. He was a stockholder in the First National Bank of Armstrong. The success which he gained was the

result of his industry, his good management and his thrift and his many excellent qualities commended him to the esteem of his fellows.

On the 18th of November, 1869, Mr. Korrect was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Trecker, a daughter of Henry and Ann M. (Brochite) Trecker, also natives of Germany. The family came to America in 1853, the mother and four children locating in Peru, Illinois. The father was taken sick en route and died after an illness of only three days and was buried at sea. Two years after her arrival in this country Mrs. Trecker was again married and for many years her second husband engaged in farming in the Prairie state. Her demise occurred in July, 1912, when she was eighty-eight years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Korrect were born ten children, as follows: William, who is farming in Minnesota; John P., an architect and civil engineer, who resides with his mother; George, who is living retired in Armstrong; Anna, the wife of Edward Scully, of Kossuth county; Elizabeth, the wife of Edward Reilly, of Lonerock, Iowa; Josephine, who married Albert Turnbaugh, of Swea City, Iowa; Ida, the wife of Anton Guerdet, of Kossuth county, Iowa; Henry, who died in March, 1912, when twenty-eighth years old; Rosa, at home; and Minnie, the wife of Fred C. Boland, of Armstrong.

Mr. Korrect did not consider himself bound by allegiance to any party but voted for the man whom he deemed best fitted for the office in question. His religious faith was that of the Catholic church. His demise was widely regretted and there are many who still hold him in affectionate memory.

W. A. DE LONG.

W. A. De Long, the well-known and popular mayor of Terril, Iowa, was born in Marshall county, Illinois, on the 13th of May, 1871, and is a son of Abraham De Long, who in early life engaged in teaching in that state but later followed farming in Marshall county, where he died in 1892. Our subject was only six weeks old when his mother passed away and his father subsequently married again. He remained at home up to his fifteenth year and then started out to make his own way in the world. For the first few years he worked in a livery stable and was employed at various other occupations, but since twenty years of age has devoted his attention principally to the drainage business. For some time he worked on small ditches on Illinois farms but in 1893 he went to Manson, Calhoun county, Iowa, where he spent two years and then removed to Greene county, this state. When the state drainage law was passed Mr. De Long took up the drainage business in earnest and made some of the first ditches dug in this state. During the following five years he was one of the most prominent drainage men in Iowa. In the spring of 1913 he came to Terril, Dickinson county, and took charge of the largest drainage proposition that has ever been undertaken in the county, and

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up to 1916 he had constructed the largest drainage systems in the state. For the past eight years he has had in his employ from one hundred to one hundred and fifty men. At present he is engaged on a large drainage proposition in Greene county and has three drainage ditches under construction in Dickinson county. Success has attended his efforts along this line and in all his undertakings he has steadily prospered. In March, 1916, he established an automobile business in Terril, which is now in charge of his son Charles, who is conducting a modern garage at that place. Beside his town property Mr. De Long owns three hundred and twenty acres of land in Milford township, Dickinson county, and one hundred and sixty acres near Pipestone, Minnesota.

In 1895 Mr. De Long was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle Arch of Calhoun county, Iowa, and to them have been born three children, Charles W., Maud G., and Ralph G., all at home. Mrs. De Long is an active member of the Christian church and is connected with the Ladies Aid Society. She is also a member of the Embroidery Club of Terril, of which she is treasurer, and both she and Mr. De Long hold membership in the Eastern Star. He belongs to Terril Lodge No. 612, A. F. & A. M. and to the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. The republican party finds in him a stanch supporter of its principles and in the spring of 1916 he was elected mayor of Terril, in which capacity he is still serving, with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. He is one of the representative citizens of Dickinson county, taking an active and commendable interest in public affairs and doing everything in his power to promote the interests of his town and county. He is widely and favorably known and has a host of friends in the commuinty where he resides.

KNUDT BONNICKSEN.

Knudt Bonnicksen, who is giving his undivided attention to the operation of a good farm of eighty acres on section 13, Denmark township, was born in Clinton, Iowa, on the 14th of June, 1885. His parents, Jurgen and Laura Bonnicksen, were born in Denmark but emigrated to the United States many years ago and after living for a time in Clinton, Iowa, removed to Kossuth county, where the father is now farming.

Knudt Bonnicksen, who is the firstborn of a family of nine children, attended the public schools of Kossuth county until he was sixteen years old and later was for two terms a student in Elkhorn College at Elkhorn, Iowa. He assisted his father with the operation of the home place until he was twenty-five years old and then came to Denmark township, Emmet county, where he rented land for four years. Two years were spent as a renter in Kossuth county, but at the end of that time he returned to Denmark township, Emmet county, and bought the west half of the southeast quarter of section 13, on which he has since resided. He has made a number of improvements upon his farm and

is careful to conserve the fertility of the soil. He is up-to-date and at the same time practical in his methods and receives a good annual income from his land.

Mr. Bonnicksen was united in marriage on the 26th of January, 1910, to Miss Gina Toft, a daughter of Hans and Abilena Toft, who were among the first settlers of Denmark township and are now living retired in Ringsted. Mr. and Mrs. Bonnicksen are the parents of three children, namely, Vivian, Chalmer and Harry.

Mr. Bonnicksen supports the republican party at the polls, but has not been otherwise active in politics. He is a member of St. John's Danish Lutheran church and fraternally is identified with the Danish Brotherhood. He has been entirely dependent upon his own resources since starting out in life for himself and the prosperity which he has gained is an indication of his ability and industry.

QUINTUS C. FULLER, M. D.

Dr. Quintus C. Fuller has gained a large practice in Milford and ranks among the successful physicians of Dickinson county. He erected the Milford Hospital in 1908 and has since had charge of its management. A native of Illinois, he was born in Pawpaw on the 29th of July, 1867, a son of Andrew J. and Susan (Colton) Fuller, both of whom were born in Vermont, where the father followed farming until his removal to Emmet county, Iowa. He bought land in Center township and for many years engaged in its cultivation, but in 1900 removed to Milford, making his home thereafter with his son Quintus until he was called by death in 1914. He had long survived his wife, who died in 1887 and was buried in Okoboji cemetery.

Quintus C. Fuller attended the public schools until he was fourteen years of age and supplemented the education so acquired by study in the Ames College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, graduating from the veterinary department of that institution in 1890. Subsequently he took a medical course in Drake University and received the M. D. degree with the class of 1892. He located for practice in Harlan, Iowa, and two years later came to Milford, Dickinson county, where he has since remained. He has kept informed on the newest developments in medical science and has been very successful in curing disease. In 1908 he erected the Milford Hospital, which has afforded needed facilities for expert medical and surgical treatment.

In 1899 Dr. Fuller was united in marriage to Miss Florence Guthrie, a daughter of J. C. and Phoebe Guthrie, of Milford. She passed away in 1912, leaving two children: Lucile, who is now attending school in St. Albans, Vermont; and Stanley, who is a student in the schools of Milford. In 1913 Dr. Fuller married Miss Opal Gillette, whose parents, W. R. and Eunice Gillette, are living on a farm in Milford township. One daughter, Grace, has been born to this union.

Dr. Fuller is a republican in politics and finds time to take an active part in public affairs. He was for some time a member of the town council and for the past eighteen years has served on the school board. Fraternally he is well known, belonging to all the Masonic bodies, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America and along strictly professional lines he holds membership in the County and State Medical Societies and in the American Medical Association.

JULIUS A. MATHIESON.

Julius A. Mathieson, of Ringsted, is engaged in the collection business and is also a justice of the peace, his duties in that connection making considerable demand upon his time and attention. His birth occurred in Denmark, July 31, 1847, and he is one of the four children born to Jacob and Louisa (Fredriksen) Mathieson. The father rented a large dairy farm in Denmark, but felt that still better opportunities were offered in the United States and accordingly in 1866 removed with his family to this country and located in Marinette, Wisconsin. There he and his son Julius were employed in a sawmill for about four years. Subsequently he removed to Palo Alto county, where he homesteaded land, and in that county both he and his wife passed away. They are interred in a cemetery near Cylinder.

Julius A. Mathieson attended the public schools until he was confirmed and also took a course in a dairy school, from which he was graduated at the age of eighteen. He became overseer of a dairy farm, working in that capacity until he accompanied the family to America. In 1870 removal was made to Fairfield township, Palo Alto county, Iowa, and there he homesteaded land on section 2. For thirty years he farmed his homestead and the energy and good judgment which have always characterized him led to his success as an agriculturist. In 1900 he removed to Ringsted and for a time engaged in merchandising in connection with his son-in-law, E. T. Sorem. After two years he disposed of his interests to Carl Iversen and subsequently was for a year engaged in the implement business, but sold out to Fink Brothers. He is now dividing his time between his duties as justice of the peace and the management of a collection business, in which difficult field he has been quite successful.

In 1873 Mr. Mathieson was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Nelson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Swendson, who passed their entire lives in Sweden. To Mr. and Mrs. Mathieson have been born eight children: Anna, who is now Mrs. Louis Christian and resides upon the homestead in Fairfield township, Palo Alto county; Emma, the wife of E. T. Sorem; Ida, now Mrs. J. J. Fink, of Ringsted; Nettie, who married Peter Nissen, of Orange City, Iowa; Fred, who died when eleven years old; Minnie, the wife of Carl Johnson, of Ringsted; Andrew, who died when three years old; and Clarence J., at home.

Mr. Mathieson believes thoroughly in the policies of the republican party and supports the candidates of that organization at the polls. He was a member of the town council for several years and for two terms filled acceptably the office of mayor of Ringsted, forwarding in every way possible the interests of the municipality. He belongs to St. Paul's Danish Lutheran church and no movement seeking to moral welfare of the community lacks his loyal support. He began his career without capital and has at all times been dependent upon his own resources, but has proven equal to the demands made upon him and has accumulated more than a competence. In addition to his fine farm in Palo Alto county he owns an attractive modern residence in Ringsted.

C. G. GUGE.

The year 1890 witnessed the arrival of C. G. Guge in Emmet county, where he has since made his home. He is today the owner of an excellent farm in Emmet township, which he has improved according to modern, progressive ideas. He has always made good use of his time and opportunities since starting out in life for himself when eighteen years of age. He was born in Germany, January 21, 1851, and was there reared and educated, remaining in that country until he reached the age of eighteen years, when he bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for America. He first located in Ohio, where he worked at the shoemaker's trade for three years and on the expiration of that period he became a resident of Nebraska, where he engaged in the cultivation of a rented farm for four years. In 1890 he removed to Emmet county, Iowa, and bought the farm upon which he now makes his home—an excellent tract of land in Emmet township which he has converted into rich and arable fields, annually gathering therefrom substantial harvests of the grains best adapted to soil and climatic conditions here. He has improved his place with fine buildings and in addition to an attractive residence has large barns and outbuildings which furnish ample shelter for grain and stock. He has also planted an extensive orchard and has large and small fruits of all kinds. He makes a specialty of stock raising, which constitutes an important branch of his business.

In January, 1883, Mr. Guge was married to Miss Marie Schafer, also a native of Germany, and in the passing years eleven children have been born to them: Paulina, now deceased; Ernest G.; Carolina S., the wife of J. Herbronson; Katie, the wife of Claude Jackman, of Minnesota; Marie, the wife of Albert Aasby, of Minnesota; Carl J.; William; John, Louisa; Lawrence; and Martin.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church and are people of genuine personal worth, enjoying the high regard of all with whom they come in contact. Mr. Guge is a republican and has filled a number of

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local offices, serving as road supervisor, as township trustee and as school director for a number of years. Laudable ambition prompted Mr. and Mrs. Guge to come to the new world. They felt that they might have better business opportunities on this side the Atlantic and they have here made good use of their chances, Mr. Guge carefully and persistently carrying on his business affairs, while his wife has wisely managed the interests of the household and thus ably rounded out and supplemented the labors of her husband. Both are well known in the community where they make their home and their genuine worth has gained for them many friends.

NELS P. PETERSON.

On the list of honored dead in Emmet county appears the name of Nels P. Peterson, who for a long period was actively, successfully and honorably identified with the agricultural interests of this section of the state. He made his home on a farm on sections 17 and 18, High Lake township. His birth occurred in Norway, July 5, 1835, and when a boy he came to the new world, first making his way to Wisconsin, where he attained his majority. In that state he was married May 14, 1860, to Miss Betsy Erickson, who was born in Norway March 26, 1836, and was a daughter of Ole and Julia (Goorie) Erickson. Her mother died while they were upon the sea enroute for the new world, in 1857, after which the father took his children to Wisconsin, where he lived for some time and then removed with his family to Emmet county, Iowa, where his remaining days were passed.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson became residents of Emmet county in 1860 and established their home upon a farm on sections 17 and 18, High Lake township, comprising two hundred and thirty acres of rich and productive land. With characteristic energy Mr. Peterson began to develop and improve his place, but at the time of the Civil war he put aside all personal and business considerations in order to espouse the cause of the Union and went to the front. It was while serving his country that his health became impaired and he never afterward fully recovered but passed away in the '70s. He left to his family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name and his memory is yet cherished by many who knew him.

To Mr. and Mrs. Peterson were born six children: Peter, deceased; Peter, who was the second of the name and is now living in the state of Washington; George, who has departed this life; Ole, living in Washington; and Julia and Gertenia, both now deceased.

Mrs. Peterson still owns the old homestead farm which she has always occupied but now rents the land, deriving therefrom a substantial income. She is a consistent member of the Lutheran church and is one of the well known residents of High Lake township, where she has

now made her home for much more than a half century. She has lived to witness notable changes here as the work of transformation and improvement has been carried steadily forward and she can tell many an interesting tale of the early days when pioneer conditions were prevalent and the county bore little resemblance to present-day conditions.

FRANK CARPENTER.

Frank Carpenter, who since 1888 has been connected with the Estherville Democrat and has been owner and editor of the paper since November, 1896, is now also filling the position of postmaster in Estherville. Iowa numbers him among her native sons, for his birth occurred in Webster City, November 5, 1870. His parents were Charles and Louise P. (Miller) Carpenter. In the schools of Webster City and of Estherville he pursued his education and his early life was devoted to agricultural pursuits, but later he took up the newspaper business, in which he has since been engaged, securing a position on the Estherville Democrat in 1888. Finding this pursuit congenial, he worked his way upward and in November, 1896, took over the paper by purchase and has since been its owner and publisher, making it one of the chief democratic organs and leading newspapers in the northwestern part of the state. He also has other business interests, being one of the stockholders and directors of the Iowa Savings Bank of Estherville.

Mr. Carpenter is identified with several fraternal organizations, having membership with the Elks, the Woodmen, the Homesteaders and the Moose. In politics he has always been an earnest democrat since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and from 1910 until 1914 he served as chairman of the democratic county central committee. In July, 1913, he was appointed by President Wilson to the position of postmaster of Estherville and has since served in that capacity. He has ever stood for progress and improvement in community affairs as well as for advancement in matters of national importance and he is recognized as a splendid type of American manhood and chivalry.

L. E. CRIM.

L. E. Crim, postmaster at Wallingford, to which position he was appointed on the 12th of January, 1916, is a native son of Emmet county, his birth having occurred at Estherville, August 18, 1888. His parents were A. A. and Eva (Brown) Crim, the former a native of Boone county, Iowa, and the latter of Massachusetts. About forty years ago A. A. Crim took up his abode in Emmet county, where he and his wife are still living, being among the well known and worthy farming

people of this section of the state. In their family were four children and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death.

The usual experiences of the farm bred boy came to L. E. Crim in the period of his youth. He attended the district schools and through the summer months aided in the work of the fields, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. In 1913 he engaged in the hardware and implement business at Wallingford and has since conducted his store in that city. He carries a carefully selected line, representing the leading manufacturers of the country, and from the beginning his trade has constantly grown. He is also filling the position of postmaster, as previously indicated, thus becoming one of the active officials of his city.

In 1911 Mr. Crim was married to Miss Gay Shaffer, a native of Grundy county, Iowa, and a daughter of W. A. and Lydia Shaffer, who are now residents of Waterloo, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Crim have become the parents of a son, Keith W., who was born on the 18th of June, 1912.

Mr. Crim has always been a democrat since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and gives stalwart support to the party, believing firmly in its principles. His entire life has been passed in Emmet county, where he has a very wide and favorable acquaintance, and he is now numbered among its enterprising and substantial young business men.

OLE OPSAL.

Ole Opsal, a well known and up-to-date farmer residing on section 3, Armstrong Grove township, was born in Norway, January 31, 1874. His parents, Johannas and Johanna (Christenson) Johnson, were likewise natives of that country, where the father engaged in carpentering during his active life. He passed away in 1875 but the mother is still living in Norway.

Ole Opsal grew to manhood in Norway and there received his education. On leaving home he went to sea and was a sailor for four years, during that time visiting most parts of the world. In 1893 he came to America and for a year was employed as a farm hand in La Salle county, Illinois. He next removed to Shelby county, Iowa, where he worked for others for seven years, after which he made his way to Emmet county. Here he operated rented land for five years but at the end of that time bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 3, Armstrong Grove township, which he has since converted into one of the best improved farms in the county. He is giving the greater part of his attention to the raising of thoroughbred shorthorn cattle, feeding about two carloads of cattle a year, and he has gained a high standing among the cattle raisers of this section of the state. He has prospered

financially and not only owns his valuable farm but also is financially interested in the Farmers Elevator Company and the Farmers Creamery Company, both of Armstrong.

Mr. Opsal was united in marriage on the 4th of December, 1899, to Miss Mary Johnson, and they have become the parents of eight children, namely: Jennie, Mabel, Eunice, Otis, Orville, Theodore, Ruby and Sadie, but the last named died in November, 1904.

The republican party has a stanch adherent in Mr. Opsal and in religious faith he is a Lutheran. He has never regretted his emigration to this country, for here he has found opportunities, the utilization of which has enabled him to gain a gratifying measure of success. He has many warm personal friends throughout the county and is recognized as a man of genuine worth.

CHARLES F. MAUSS.

Charles F. Mauss, president of the First National Bank at Milford, Dickinson county, Iowa, has proved efficient and reliable in the discharge of his important duties and ranks among the representative bankers of Dickinson county. He was born in La Salle county, Illinois, on the 29th of April, 1880, a son of Henry and Mary (Moehl) Mauss, natives of Germany and Maryland respectively. The family resided in Illinois until 1890, when removal was made to Wright county, Iowa, where the father purchased land which he operated for a number of years. Both he and his wife are now living retired in Spencer, Iowa.

Charles F. Mauss, who is the third in order of birth in a family of eleven children, began working in a bank in Belmond, Iowa, when fifteen years old, remaining there for three years and seven months. He was next employed by a lumber company in that town for a year and a half and then devoted a year to the operation of the home farm. In 1902 he came to Milford as assistant cashier of the First National Bank, with which he has since been continuously connected. He was promoted to the position of cashier and served in that capacity until January 1, 1917, when he was made president and as such directs the policy of the institution. He realizes that the confidence of the community is necessary for the permanent prosperity of a banking institution and has made it his first care to protect the depositors and stockholders from loss. The sound policy which he has followed has received the endorsement of the public and the bank has a large and growing patronage. It was organized in 1884 as a private bank and in 1900 was nationalized with Peter Rasmussen as the president. He continued in that office until the 1st of January, 1917, when he was succeeded by Mr. Mauss, and P. O. Bjorenson became cashier. The institution is capitalized for thirty-five thousand dollars and is housed in its own building, a fine brick structure erected in 1911.

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Mr. Mauss was married in 1904 to Miss Frieda Rasmussen, a daughter of Peter and Mary Rasmussen. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he was formerly a member of the town council. Since 1903 he has served on the school board and is always willing to give of his time and energy to the solution of problems pertaining to the welfare of the schools. He belongs to the Congregational church and takes a commendable interest in the furtherance of its work.

W. H. McCLUNE.

W. H. McClune, who is successfully engaged in farming on section 21, Lincoln township, Emmet county, is a native of Iowa, his birth having occurred in Keokuk county on September 23, 1883. His parents, William R. and Elizabeth (Galbraith) McClune, were both born in Illinois, but during their childhood accompanied their respective parents to Iowa, one family settling on the county line in Keokuk county, and the other in Iowa county. After their marriage they located on a farm in the former county, where Mr. McClune resided up to the time of his death which occurred in 1909. His wife passed away in 1916.

In the common schools of this state W. H. McClune acquired his education and in early life became familiar with agricultural pursuits. In 1906 he began farming on his own account, operating rented land in Poweshiek county for a time. The following year, however, he came to Emmet county and located upon his present home farm which had previously been purchased by his father. After the latter's death he acquired the property through inheritance and has since engaged in its operation. In connection with general farming he breeds thoroughbred Shire horses, and in his undertakings he is prospering, being regarded as one of the most successful farmers in Lincoln township.

On the 11th of March, 1913, Mr. McClune was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Adams of Decatur county, Iowa, and to them have been born two children, Harland A. and Melba E. In politics Mr. McClune is a republican and he takes a commendable interest in public affairs, giving his support to all worthy enterprises calculated to advance the public welfare.

WILLIAM EDWIN BRADLEY, M. D.

Dr. William Edwin Bradley, successfully engaged in the practice of medicine at Estherville, comes to this field well equipped by liberal university and college training for the responsible duties which devolve upon him in this connection. He was born in LaCrosse county, Wisconsin, February 14, 1865, a son of Albert O. and Jennie (Mois) Bradley.

The father was born at Spring Prairie, Walworth county, Wisconsin, November 13, 1838. The mother, a native of England, born April 11, 1840, came to America when four years of age and passed away in Estherville on the 9th of July, 1911. The family lived for many years in La Crosse county and during the period of his youth William E. Bradley mastered the branches of learning that constitute the curriculum of the public schools there, becoming a high school pupil at Sparta. Subsequently he entered the University of Wisconsin, in which he remained a student from 1886 until 1890, winning the Bachelor of Science degree. He next entered the Rush Medical College of Chicago and completed his professional course by graduation with the class of 1892. For six months he practiced in Stanley, Wisconsin, and since November, 1892, has resided continuously in Estherville, where during the intervening period of twenty-five years he has built up a very successful and gratifying practice. He is most conscientious in the performance of all his professional duties, recognizing fully the obligations and responsibilities that devolve upon him, and he has ever kept well informed concerning the latest discoveries in medical science, and while never hasty in discarding old and time-tried methods, he is yet quick to appreciate the worth of new ideas advanced and to utilize them in his professional labors.

On the 17th of July, 1895, in Estherville, Iowa, Dr. Bradley was united in marriage to Miss Eva C. Robinson, daughter of John M. and Martha Robinson. They are now the parents of two children, Janet Marian and William Robinson. Dr. Bradley and his wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian church and in social circles they occupy an enviable position, the hospitality of the best homes of the city and surrounding country being cordially extended to them in appreciation of their sterling worth. Dr. Bradley is also a well known Mason, holding membership in lodge, chapter and commandery, but he makes all other interests subservient to his professional duties and in his chosen calling he has continuously progressed by reason of his wide study, his broad experience and his sympathetic and almost intuitive understanding of people.

JOHN SILVER BLOW.

John Silver Blow, who is now living retired in Spirit Lake, was for many years actively identified with the agricultural interests of Dickinson county and later filled the office of county auditor for three terms in a most creditable and satisfactory manner. A native of Canada, he was born in Woodstock, Ontario, October 23, 1861, and was a son of Mahlon and Violet (Naysmith) Blow. The father was also born in Ontario, where he was reared and educated, and after reaching manhood followed farming in Ontario until 1862, when he came to the

United States, locating on land which he purchased east of Woodstock in McHenry county, Illinois. After spending six years in that locality he removed to Kane county, Illinois, and farmed in Plato township, near Elgin, until 1884, when he sold his land and retired, becoming a resident of Estherville, Emmet county, Iowa. He made his home in that city until 1892, when he removed to Grinnell, Iowa, in order that his children might attend college at that place. There his wife died and he subsequently went to Lac qui Parle county, Minnesota, where he purchased a farm which his sons operated. There he passed away in February, 1905. His wife was born at Newart Hill, Scotland, and was a young lady, when, in 1855, she went to Canada. They were married at Woodstock, Canada, on the 15th of May, 1856.

In the family of this worthy couple were ten children, all of whom are still living, namely: Cooper J., now a merchant of Griffin, Saskatchewan, Canada; Jennie, the wife of James Wallace, of Austin, Texas; John Silver, of this review; Newman C., a farmer of Sugar City, Idaho; Ada, the wife of Edward Tompkins, a grain dealer of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Lulu, a resident of Beaumont, Texas; Archie, a farmer of Chugwater, Wyoming; Frank T., a physician and surgeon of Call, Texas; Violet, the wife of Fred L. Abel, a merchant of Grinnell, Iowa; and Keith W., a traveling salesman.

It was during the infancy of John Silver Blow that the family removed to Illinois, and his early education was largely acquired in the district schools of Plato township, Kane county, that state. This was supplemented by a course at Elgin Academy in Elgin, Illinois. In the meantime he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm and subsequently taught school in Kane county. In 1883 he came to Dickinson county and purchased the northwest quarter of section 13, Lloyd township, where he followed farming until 1894. In that year he embarked in the real estate business in Terril but still continued to look after his agricultural interests. He finally retired from business on being appointed to fill out an unexpired term as county auditor of Dickinson county and so acceptably did he fill the position that he was elected to the office in 1910 and reelected in 1912 and 1914, retiring on the 1st of January, 1917, with a record of which he has every reason to be proud.

On the 8th of January, 1902, at Spirit Lake, Mr. Blow was united in marriage to Miss May Kendrick, who was born near Barneveld, Wisconsin, where she was reared and educated. In 1899 she accompanied her mother, Mary (Evans) Kendrick, on her removal to Dickinson county, Iowa. Her father, John Kendrick, was a native of Wales and was twenty years of age when he came to the new world and settled near Barneveld in Iowa county, Wisconsin, where he followed farming until his death. His widow was also a native of Wales and was but three years of age when brought to America. For some years she resided in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and when a young lady went to Wisconsin, where she was married. She is now a resident of Lloyd town-

ship, Dickinson county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Blow have two children: Leta, born in Terril, December 2, 1902; and Wayne J., born in Terril, March 27, 1907.

Mr. Blow affiliates with the republican party and both he and his wife are active and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as steward. He is one of the representative citizens of Dickinson county, whose public and private life are alike above reproach, and he is held in the highest esteem by all who know him.

NELS MICKELSON.

Nels Mickelson, a resident farmer of Twelve Mile Lake township, living on section 2, is a representative of that substantial class of citizens that Norway has furnished to Iowa and that has contributed to the agricultural development of Emmet county. He was born in Norway, January 17, 1874, his parents being Mickel and Anna Mickelson, who were also farming people. They had a family of five children and in 1885 they left their native country for the new world. Crossing the Atlantic, they did not tary on the eastern coast but made their way at once into the interior of the country, establishing their home in Jackson county, Minnesota. The father was employed at farm labor there and subsequently engaged in farming in Dickinson county. His entire life was given to the cultivation of the fields up to the time when death ended his labors, and his remains were laid to rest in the Riverside cemetery at Wallingford. His widow survives and is now living with her son, Nels.

Having spent the first eleven years of his life in his native country, Nels Mickelson came to the new world with his parents and through the period of his boyhood and youth worked with his father, so that he early became familiar with the practical methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He has never cared to change his occupation, feeling that farm life gives him abundant scope for his energy and industry—his dominant qualities. He has purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land on the southwest quarter of section 2, Twelve Mile Lake township, and his farm is an excellent property now highly cultivated and well improved.

It was in 1898 that Mr. Mickelson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Ellefson, a daughter of Ellef and Birgit Ellefson, who became residents of Twelve Mile Lake township. Her father has passed away and his widow is now living with her son, Ellef Ellefson, Jr., upon a farm in Twelve Mile Lake township. Mr. and Mrs. Mickelson have become the parents of three children: Adelia, Melvin and Norman, who are all at home. The family adhere to the faith of the Norwegian Lutheran church, to which Mr. and Mrs. Mickelson belong. His political views accord with the principles of the republican party and he regards its platform as the

MR. AND MRS. NELS MICKELSON

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best exponent of the principles of good government. His life record indicates what may be accomplished by persistent, earnest effort, for he started out empty handed and has since been dependent upon his own resources. He early recognized the eternal principle that industry wins, and he has made industry the rule of his life.

HANS K. BONNICKSEN.

One of the prosperous farmers and leading citizens of Denmark township, Emmet county, is Hans K. Bonnicksen, who, like most of the residents of that locality is of Scandinavian birth. He was born in Denmark on the 27th of February, 1865, and is the third in a family of six children, their parents being Knud and Katrina Bonnicksen. In 1872 the father brought his family to America and settled in Clinton, Iowa, where he was employed as a teamster for two years. The following six years were spent near Malone, Iowa, where he engaged in farming on rented land, but at the end of that time he returned to Clinton, where he again made his home for two years. Coming to Emmet county in 1883 he purchased the southeast quarter of section 23, Denmark township, and later added to this the south half of the northeast quarter of the same section, whereon he continued to reside for several years, his time and energies being devoted to the cultivation and improvement of his farm. During the last few years of his life, however, he lived retired, first in Armstrong and later in Ringsted, where he passed away July 18, 1913. His wife had died on the 6th of November, 1902, and both were laid to rest in St. Paul's cemetery.

Reared under the parental roof, Hans K. Bonnicksen attended the neighboring schools until sixteen years of age and gave his father the benefit of his services upon the home farm until he attained his majority. His life has practically been devoted to agricultural pursuits and at the age of twenty-six years he purchased the north half of the southeast quarter of section 22, Denmark township, to which he subsequently added the north half of the south half of that quarter section, making one hundred and twenty acres in all. Still later he purchased the north half of the south half of the northwest quarter of section 23 and has since been actively engaged in the operation of this land.

In 1892 Mr. Bonnicksen married Miss Lena Schulz, a daughter of Peter and Krogh Schulz, who came to this country from Denmark and were early settlers of Denmark township, Emmet county. Her father is deceased and is buried in St. John's cemetery, but her mother is still living and is now Mrs. N. C. Nielsen, of Ringsted. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bonnicksen are Carl, Katrina, Christina and Arnold, all at home.

The family hold membership in St. John's Lutheran church, and Mr. Bonnicksen affiliates with the republican party. He has been called upon to serve as township clerk two years, school director one year and road

supervisor one year. For a number of years he has been a director of the Ringsted Creamery Company and is also a director of the Farmers Savings Bank of Ringsted. In business affairs he has steadily prospered owing to his wise judgment and untiring industry and he now ranks among the well-to-do farmers and representative citizens of his community.

CHARLES REPPIEN.

Charles Reppien, manager and butter maker with the Farmers Creamery Company at Wallingford and thus well known in business circles of Emmet county, was born in Denmark, March 24, 1893. He is therefore yet a young man and in all that he undertakes is actuated by the spirit of enterprise and progress. He was reared and educated in his native country and learned the butter making trade in that land, which is famous as a butter producing center. He worked at the business there for four years before coming to America and in 1913 he bade adieu to friends and native country and sailed for the new world, hoping to find more remunerative employment on this side of the Atlantic. Crossing the country to Wallingford, he soon obtained a position as butter maker in a creamery there and his ability won him promotion to the position of manager. He is now conducting a large business at the creamery and has made its output famous for its excellence. There is no phase of the butter making trade with which he is not familiar and he is considered an expert in his line.

Mr. Reppien holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America at Wallingford and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is esteemed as an enterprising, progressive young man and one whose advancement has been the legitimate and logical outcome of his own labors and ability.

ALFRED M. JENSEN.

A fine farm on section 24, Denmark township, pays tribute to the care and labor bestowed upon it by its owner, Alfred M. Jensen. He was born in Denmark, April 6, 1873, the third in a family of seven children, whose parents were Robert and Lorina Jensen. The mother died when her son Alfred was but two years old and the father also passed away in Denmark. He was a farmer by occupation.

Alfred M. Jensen is indebted for his education to the public schools of Denmark, which he attended until he was confirmed. The next few years were devoted to work on farms in that country but when nineteen years old he came to the United States and located near Goldfield, Iowa. After working as a farm hand in that locality for a year and a

half he came to Denmark township, Emmet county, in 1895, and was in the employ of various farmers of the township until 1900. He then bought the north half of the southwest quarter of section 24, on which he is still living. He devotes his entire time to the cultivation of the fields and the care of his live stock and as the years pass his capital is steadily increasing, for he manages his business interests well.

Mr. Jensen was married in 1902 to Miss Henriette Hansen, the adopted daughter of Hans and Margaret Hansen, of Denmark township. Mrs. Hansen has passed away and is buried in St. John's cemetery, but Mr. Hansen survives and is living in Ringsted. To Mr. and Mrs. Jensen have been born three children, Harold, Myrtle and Severin.

The democratic party receives the hearty support of Mr. Jensen and every duty devolving upon him as a citizen is discharged to the full, but he has never sought official preferment. He belongs to the Danish Brotherhood and is also a member of St. John's Danish Lutheran church. He is entitled to the honor which is accorded a self-made man, for he began his independent career empty handed and has been dependent solely upon his own resources.

NELS HANSON.

Nels Hanson has never had occasion to regret his choice of farming as a life work, for he has met with gratifying success in the cultivation of his land on section 9, Iowa Lake township. He was born in Norway, June 12, 1852, a son of Nels and Annie (Larson) Hanson, also natives of that country, where the father engaged in farming and fishing. He died there in 1878 and the demise of his wife occurred nineteen years previously, or in 1859.

Mr. Hanson was reared under the parental roof and attended the public schools in the acquirement of his education. When eighteen years old he came to America and for some time was in the employ of farmers in Polk county, Iowa. He next rented land in Hamilton county, this state, for six years, and in 1887 came to Emmet county, Iowa, where he has since resided. He operated rented land near Estherville for four years, but in 1891 purchased his present place, which comprises eighty acres on section 9, Iowa Lake township. He has improved the place in various ways and during the twenty-six years that he has engaged in its operation has seldom failed to harvest good crops. He has also derived a gratifying profit from his stock raising interests.

On the 12th of February, 1878, Mr. Hanson was married to Miss Christine M. Stenerson and they became the parents of the following children: Annie; Nels, who died in 1881; Martha, now the wife of Fred W. Cheever; Lewis; Jennie; Hannah; Clarence; Hazel; Sanford; and Grace. In August, 1900, the wife and mother passed away and on the 3d of March, 1905, Mr. Hanson married Mrs. Sarah (Stenerson)

Watland, a sister of his first wife and the widow of John Watland. By her marriage to Mr. Watland, who died in June, 1903, she had eleven children, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: Joseph, John, Edith M. and Martin, all of whom are also now deceased; and Edward, Jennie, Ollie, Eli and Irene, all of whom survive.

The republican party receives the loyal support of Mr. Hanson and his keen interest in affairs concerning the public welfare is indicated by the fact that for ten years he has served as a member of the school board. In religious faith he is a Lutheran. He has found in the United States the opportunities for advancement which he sought and has been prompt and energetic in their utilization, thus gaining a place among the substantial men of his locality.

C. C. GRAVATT.

C. C. Gravatt, cashier of the First National Bank of Terril, was born in Traer, Tama county, Iowa, on the 10th of March, 1878, his parents being Albert and Irena (Morse) Gravatt. The father is a native of Celina, Ohio, and the mother of Belvidere, Illinois, and they came to Iowa in childhood with their respective parents in the early '50s. They attained adult age in Tama county and after reaching man's estate the father took up the occupation of farming, which he followed for many years, but during the past six or eight years he has lived retired in Traer, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

C. C. Cravatt had the usual experiences of the farm bred boy who divides his time between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. After attending the district schools he continued his education in the high school at Traer and on completing his studies there returned to the home farm, where he remained until he had attained his majority. He then started out independently and, thinking to find other pursuits more congenial to him than agricultural life, he accepted a clerkship in a grocery store in Traer, which position he occupied until the death of his employer eighteen months later. He subsequently clerked in a hardware store for a short time and in 1900 removed to Terril, where he accepted the position of bookkeeper and assistant cashier in the bank of Terril. In 1906 Howard Everett, who had been manager of the bank, sold his holdings to Harry H. Buck and B. B. Van Steenburg, at which time Mr. Gravatt was made cashier of the institution. In 1912 the bank was reorganized and was nationalized and the present modern bank building was erected. It is thoroughly equipped for the purpose intended and is one of the fine bank buildings in the smaller towns of the state. Mr. Gravatt continues in the management of the bank and his enterprise and efforts have contributed in very substantial measure to its success. He is familar

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with every phase of the banking business and he does everything in his power to further the interests of the institution through the safeguarding of the interests of depositors and the extension of a liberal credit to a point that will not jeopardize the business entrusted to their care.

In 1907 Mr. Gravatt was united in marriage to Miss Maud Winslow, of Terril, by whom he has two children, Mabel Charlotte and Leonard Winslow. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Richloyd Lodge, No. 612, A. F. & A. M., of Terril; Spirit Lake Chapter, No. 132, R. A. M.; Esdraelon Commandery, No. 52, K. T.; and Abu Bekr Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Sioux City, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Gravatt are also members of Gloaming Chapter, No. 225, O. E. S. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is a member of the town council and is vitally interested in all that pertains to the advancement and welfare of Terril and for the past ten years has been secretary of the school board. He was largely instrumental in bringing about the present efficient consolidated school system that resulted in the erection of a school building valued at fifty thousand dollars. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their influence is always on the side of progress and improvement, whether in behalf of the material, intellectual, social or moral development of the community.

LARS HANSEN.

Lars Hansen, who was one of the progressive and successful farmers of Denmark township, was a splendid representative of the excellent citizens whom Denmark has given to Emmet county. He was born in that country October 9, 1849, and was one of a family of seven children whose parents were Hans and Anna Marie Larsen. The father was a small farmer in Denmark and there both he and the mother spent their entire lives.

Lars Hansen received his education in the schools of his native country and remained there until 1872, when at the age of about twenty-three years he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and continued his journey westward to Clinton, Iowa. After working on a railroad there for a time he went to the vicinity of Cedar Falls and purchased a farm, which he operated until 1882. In that year he came to Denmark township, Emmet county, which was just being settled, and purchased the south half of the southwest quarter of section 27. That farm remained his place of residence throughout the rest of his life and as the years passed he brought it to a high state of cultivation. He concentrated his attention upon his farm work and as a result received a gratifying income from his land. On the 13th of August, 1896, he met an accidental death and is buried in St. John's cemetery.

In 1882 Mr. Hansen was united in marriage to Miss Maren Eskelund, whose parents spent their entire lives in Denmark. Mr. and Mrs. Hansen had six children: Lena, now Mrs. Hans C. Christiansen, of Denmark township; Anna, the wife of Peter Johansen, of Denmark township; J. E., who is married and is a banker of Crystal Lake, Iowa; Emma and Carl, both at home; and William, who is married and resides in Ringsted.

The democratic party received the support of Mr. Hansen but his political activity was confined to the exercise of his right of franchise. He served, however, as school director for seven years and had much at heart the educational advancement of his community. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in St. John's Danish Lutheran church. His untimely death deprived his family of a loving husband and father and his community of a citizen whose support could always be counted upon for the furtherance of all worthy projects.

HORACE H. OVEROCKER.

Horace H. Overocker still owns a valuable farm in Dickinson county but is now living retired in Milford, leaving the cultivation of his land to tenants. He was born in New York state on the 28th of September, 1849, one of seven children whose parents were Jacob and Elizabeth (Hollister) Overocker, also natives of New York, where they passed their entire lives. Both are buried in a cemetery in Oneida county, that state.

Horace H. Overocker received a common school education and as a boy assisted his father with the operation of the home farm, thus gaining knowledge concerning agricultural methods that later proved of the greatest value. When sixteen years of age he left home and came west alone, locating in Grundy county, Illinois, where he worked as a farm hand until twenty-one years old. He then rented a farm and for seven years, cultivated land as a renter but at length accumulated sufficient capital to purchase a farm in that county. He carried on agricultural pursuits there until 1905, when he came to Dickinson county, Iowa, and bought his present place in Milford township. He is now retired from active life, his farm being operated by tenants, and he takes great enjoyment in the fine modern home which he erected in Milford. Although he has given up the work of the farm he is connected with the financial circles of the town as president of the Milford State Bank.

In 1873 Mr. Overocker was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Dewey, a daughter of Sylvester and Melissa (Fisk) Dewey, of Grundy county, Illinois, where both passed away and are buried. Mr. and Mrs. Overocker have a son, Burton, who is married and is living in Milford township.

Mr. Overocker is a stanch advocate of republican principles and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. For a number of years he has been treasurer of the school board of Milford and his duties in that connection have been discharged with promptness and accuracy.

Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic lodge at Milford and in the teachings of that organization are found the principles which govern his conduct. He has depended solely upon his own resources since he was a boy of sixteen and the success which he has gained is evidence of his business acumen, persistency of purpose and industry.

MAURICE EDWARD WILSON, M. D.

Almost every section on the face of the globe has contributed to the citizenship of Emmet county, and it is a recognized fact that the quota furnished by Canada is of a most substantial and valuable character. A recognition of the fact comes in the review of the life records of such men as Dr. M. E. Wilson, who for a number of years has been actively and successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Estherville. A native of Ontario, Canada, he is a son of John M. and Isabelle Wilson. With the removal of the family to Iowa he received his professional training in the State University of Iowa, from which he was graduated in 1897 on the completion of the medical course. He then located for practice in Estherville, where he has since remained, and with the passing years his practice has constantly grown in volume and importance. He has kept in touch with the trend of modern scientific thought and investigation and is continually reading and studying along lines that promote his knowledge and advance his efficiency, being recognized today as one of the most eminent physicians and surgeons of northeastern Iowa. He has also extended his business interests by becoming a stockholder and one of the directors of the First National Bank.

On the 18th of October, 1899, at Sparta, Wisconsin, Dr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Margaret A. Jones, daughter of E. R. Jones. They have one child, Dorothy E. In his political views Dr. Wilson is a republican but cannot be said to be a politician in the sense of office seeking, although from 1908 until 1916 he served as coroner of Emmet county. He is an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity, demonstrating in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft. He and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church and their social position is an enviable one in those circles where culture and personal worth are accepted as the passports into good society.

JAMES CHAPMAN.

James Chapman, senior member of the firm of Chapman & Son, engaged in the automobile business in Terril, Iowa, was born March 19, 1853, in Sidney, Shelby county, Ohio, and is a son of Stephen and Maria (Kirtley) Chapman. The father was born in New York and when a young

man removed to Ohio, where he was married. The mother, however, was a native of Kentucky and as a child was taken by her parents to the Buckeye state. The Kirtley family, while living in the south, were slave holders for many years, but two years before the Civil war they freed all their slaves. In 1866 the father brought his family to Iowa, and first located in Poweshiek county but subsequently removed to O'Brien county where the mother died. After her death he made his home with our subject.

James Chapman began his education in his native state and was thirteen years of age on the removal of the family to Iowa. Here he grew to manhood, and in 1879 embarked in the livery business at Audubon, but remained there only a short time, however. He next became a resident of Sheldon, O'Brien county, where he conducted a livery stable for several years. On leaving that place he moved to Adrian, Minnesota, and about 1895 came to Terril, Iowa, where he continued in the livery business until automobiles came into prominence, and since 1911 has conducted a garage. He has the agency for the Ford cars at Terril and in the automobile business has met with good success. His son Walter is now a member of the firm, and in connection with their city property they own two hundred and forty acres of good farming land in Minnesota.

In 1879 Mr. Chapman married Miss Mary McAdam, then a resident of Iowa county, Iowa, but a native of New York state. They have become the parents of two children: Elizabeth, now the wife of Ervin Ruckman of Alberta, Canada; and Walter, who is associated in the automobile business with his father.

The republican party finds in Mr. Chapman a stanch supporter of its principles and he has taken a very active interest in political affairs. For many years he has served as constable and no trust reposed in him is ever betrayed. Fraternally he is a member of Milford Lodge, K. P., and is also connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is one of the leading business men of Terril and the success that has come to him is the just reward of earnest and persistent labor.

ALEXANDER DUNDAS.

Alexander Dundas, who is living retired in Armstrong after many years of successful farming, was born in Canada, April 17, 1852. His parents, James and Anna (McFadden) Dundas, were natives respectively of Scotland and of Ireland but the mother was also of Scotch descent. On emigrating to America in 1824 the father located in Canada, where he farmed for many years. At length, however, he went to De Kalb county, Illinois, where he rented land until the spring of 1865, when he removed with his family to Kossuth county, Iowa, driving from Illinois to his destination. A son-in-law, John Carroll, came west at the same time and they drove their live stock the entire distance. The household effects of the two families were brought in four covered wagons.

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Mr. Dundas took up a homestead in Kossuth county but after farming there for five years removed across the line into Emmet county, purchasing eighty acres of land in Armstrong Grove township. He resided upon that place for a number of years but passed away in Armstrong on the 9th of February, 1891, when he had reached the venerable age of ninety-one years. His wife died on the 13th of the same February, when she was eighty-five years old.

Alexander Dundas remained at home until he was twenty-two years of age and received his education in the public schools. On beginning his independent career he went to Oregon, where he was employed on a ranch for three years, after which he returned home and operated the homestead for two years. He next drove the stage from Webster City, Iowa, to Algona, a distance of sixty-five miles, for a year, and then turned his attention to breaking the prairie for others. In all he broke eighteen hundred acres of land, a record equaled by few. In the early days in the county the nearest mill was at Estherville, Iowa, or Blue Earth, Minnesota, and as horses were very scarce most of the settlers used oxen as draft animals. At length he decided to turn his attention to some field of activity other than agricultural pursuits and for two years was employed in an implement store, working one year for Jack Graham and one year for J. B. Johnson. At the end of that time he again took up the work of the fields, purchasing a farm from his brother in Kossuth county. Eleven years were devoted to the opreation of that place. He then removed to Armstrong and for two years took care of his parents, who were then advanced in years. After returning to his farm he engaged in agricultural pursuits for eight years but at length sold the place and went with his family to Oregon, where he remained for only six months. He came again to Emmet county and bought land one mile from Armstrong, farming that place for three years. He kept well informed as to the discoveries in scientific agriculture and was constantly seeking to become more efficient in the management of his farm work. He was the first man in the county to raise alfalfa and was ranked among those who lead rather than those who follow in the development of the agricultural interests of the county. In March, 1904, he retired from active life and removed to Armstrong, where he purchased a good residence, and there he still makes his home. He has seen many different parts of the country. In addition to the places already mentioned he lived for a time in Texas, going there when a young man. He was not pleased with conditions, however, and only remained for six months, returning to Iowa. He is fully convinced that the opportunities offered the farmer in Emmet county are the equal of those to be found anywhere else in the country.

On the 12th of December, 1888, Mr. Dundas was united in marriage to Miss Susie Brayton and they have five children: Edith V., the wife of Peter H. Gehrtz, a resident of northern Minnesota; Minnie R., who married John Van Buskirk and resides in Montana; Clifford, who is living in Armstrong; F. Louvin, a resident of Washburn county, Wisconsin; and Nellie M., at home.

Mr. Dundas is a stanch republican and served ably as justice of the peace and as school director while living in Kossuth county. He attends the Presbyterian church and is a member of the Masonic order and the Eastern Star, these associations indicating the principles which have governed his life. He has a wide acquaintance in this locality and is an authority upon the history of this region as he removed here when it was just being opened to settlement. In fact he and his brother David are the oldest living settlers of this locality. He has at all times discharged to the full the obligations resting upon him as a man and a citizen and the high esteem in which he is held is well deserved.

PETER C. SMITH.

Peter C. Smith, who is devoting his time and attention to the operation of his well-improved farm of eighty acres on sections 22 and 23, Armstrong Grove township, was born in Germany, of Danish stock, on the 9th of June, 1862. His parents, Ahrindt and Eleanora (Grav) Smith, were natives of Denmark. The mother died in Germany in 1880 and the father came to this country in 1890. During his active years he was a blacksmith but after his emigration to this country lived retired, making his home with his son, J. P., in Clinton, Iowa, and passing away in August, 1895.

Peter C. Smith was reared in his native country and there attended the public schools. He learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed until 1882, when he came to the United States and located in Clinton county, Iowa, where he was employed in the saw-mills for some time. Later he worked as a farm hand and then became connected with a wholesale hardware store in Clinton. After seven years spent with that concern he came to Emmet county, Iowa, in 1899 and in connection with his brother purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 10, Jack Creek township. They made a number of improvements upon the place, which they operated for nine years, but at the end of that time Peter C. Smith came to Armstrong Grove township and purchased eighty acres on sections 22 and 23. The buildings, which are located on section 23, are substantial and well adapted to their purposes and everything about the place is kept in excellent condition. He engages in general farming and derives a gratifying income from his well directed labors.

On the 2d of January, 1900, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Maria S. Lund, a daughter of Jens N. and Carolina C. (Thomsen) Lund, natives of Denmark, who in 1864 came to America and located in Clinton county, Iowa. There the father bought a farm which he operated for many years but he is now retired and resides at Camanche, Clinton county. He has reached the age of seventy-seven years and his wife is seventy-two years old. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been born three children: one, who was born in February, 1901, and died in infancy; Eleanora C., who died

March 21, 1903, at the age of six months; and Florence, who was born June 21, 1904, and is attending school.

Mr. Smith gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. He has been quick to recognize and utilize the opportunities offered him here in this relatively new country and as a result has won a gratifying measure of success.

JOHN C. HARRISON.

The well ordered appearance of the farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Armstrong Grove township, Emmet county, belonging to John C. Harrison is evidence of the care and labor which he bestows upon the place and which enables him to secure a gratifying income from his land. He was born on the 12th of March, 1846, in Michigan, a son of Alanson and Eleanor (Patek) Harrison, both natives of New York state. The father followed the stonecutter's trade in the east, but after his removal to Michigan engaged in farming there. At length he retired and removed to a nearby town, where he spent his last years, his death occurring January 2, 1882. On the 9th of May, 1884, his wife also passed away.

John C. Harrison grew to manhood in his native state and received his education in the common schools. On attaining his majority he left home and traveled during the greater part of the time for three years. He then went to California, where he was employed as a railroad brakeman for some time and where he learned and followed the carpenter's trade. At length he returned to Michigan, but in the spring of 1871 he and two brothers came to Emmet county, Iowa, where all took up homesteads. John C. Harrison filed on one hundred and sixty acres on section 20, Armstrong Grove township, and has there made his home during the intervening forty-six years. During that time the transformation wrought in his farm and in the county as a whole has been nothing short of marvelous. When he came here this was a frontier district, much of the land was unbroken and there were few white settlers. Now his highly cultivated and splendidly improved place is typical of the farms of the county and country life has many advantages that even a comparatively few years ago were supposed to belong to city life exclusively. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Creamery Company of Armstrong and the Farmers Telephone Company, believing thoroughly in the importance of coöperation among farmers.

Mr. Harrison was married February 16, 1877, to Mrs. Elizabeth Baker, a daughter of George and Jane (Froice) Martin, natives of England, whence they emigrated to America many years ago. Mr. Martin farmed in New York state and also engaged in the butcher business there until 1871, when he removed with his family to Iowa City, Iowa, where he operated a meat market for three years. He then came to Emmet

county, Iowa, where a son homesteaded land. Following the death of the son Mr. Martin took over the operation of the place, which he continued to cultivate for several years. At length he sold the property and from that time until his death, which occurred in 1904, made his home with Mr. Harrison. The mother died in December, 1893. To Mr. and Mrs. Harrison has been born a son, Harry, whose birth occurred in December, 1877, and who is now operating the home place. He married Miss Amy Moore and they have a daughter, Mabel Viola.

Mr. Harrison votes the republican ticket and has acceptably filled the offices of assessor and township clerk and has likewise been a school director. His religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Presbyterian church and in all relations of life he has sought to conform his conduct to high ethical standards.

ROBERT P. PETERSON.

Robert P. Peterson was for many years identified with the development of Denmark township, of which his father was one of the first settlers, and his life was so ordered that he won the respect and the warm regard of those who were brought into close contact with him. A native of Denmark, he was born May 8, 1867, and he was a son of Morton Peterson, who removed with his family to the United States in 1870 and located in Manistee, Michigan, where the home was maintained for three years. It was there that the wife and mother died. Subsequently the father and children lived in Chicago for two years and then resided in Clinton, Iowa, for a time, but in 1883 came to Denmark township, Emmet county, becoming the first of the Danish settlers of the township. The father purchased the southwest quarter of section 1, which he farmed until 1902, when he retired and took up his residence in Ringsted, where he passed away in 1912. In 1878, in Clinton, he was married a second time, choosing as his wife Anna Petersen, also a native of Denmark, where her parents passed their entire lives. She survived him for two years, dying in 1914, and is buried by his side in St. Paul's cemetery. By each of his two marriages he had three children.

Robert P. Peterson was brought to the United States when a child and received his education in the public schools of this country. He gave his father the benefit of his labor until he was twenty-four years of age and then purchased the northeast quarter of section 12, Denmark township, to the cultivation and improvement of which he devoted his time and attention until 1910. Everything about his place was kept in good repair and he used up-to-date methods in his work with the result that as the years passed his resources increased. He was still actively engaged in farming at the time of his death in 1910. Mrs. Peterson continued to reside upon the farm until 1912, when she retired and removed to Ringsted, where she erected a fine residence.

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It was in 1891 that Mr. Peterson was united in marriage to Miss Kirsten Jensen, a daughter of Peter and Marie (Andersen) Jensen, natives of Denmark, where they lived and died. To Mr. and Mrs. Peterson were born eight children: Anna, now Mrs. J. E. Hansen, of Crystal Lake, Iowa; Marie, the wife of O. E. Olsen, of Comfrey, Minnesota; Martin H., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Walter, who is living in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Ella, Dora, Eugene and Edna, all at home.

Mr. Peterson supported the candidates and measures of the republican party at the polls but never had time to be an active participant in political affairs. He held membership in St. Paul's Danish Lutheran church and contributed to the support of its work. His was a life of unrelaxing effort and his death was not only the occasion of great sorrow to his family and friends but was also deeply regretted by the community at large as he was recognized as a man of sterling worth and as a public-spirited citizen.

GEORGE H. ROBB.

George H. Robb, one of the prominent and influential citizens of Emmet county, successfully engaged in farming and stock raising on section 13, Estherville township, was born on the 15th of February, 1881, in Morris, Illinois, of which state his parents, Wesley and Eudora (Clow) Robb, were also natives. In their family were seven children. Our subject was a lad of thirteen years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Emmet county, Iowa. The father purchased the east half of section 13, Estherville township, on which he engaged in farming and stock raising on an extensive scale for ten years, but is now practically living retired in Estherville.

George H. Robb began his education in the district schools of Illinois and later attended the high school of Estherville, Iowa, and a business college at Kankakee, Illinois. Under his father's able direction he early became familiar with agricultural pursuits and since the age of twenty years he has been in partnership with his father in their farming and stock raising operations. He now owns one hundred and thirty-five acres in the south half of the east half of section 13, Estherville township, and the west half of the southwest quarter of section 18 of Center township, and the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of the same section. His place is well improved with good and substantial buildings and the fields are in a high state of cultivation. His stock is of a good grade and commands the highest price on the market.

Mr. Robb was married in 1902 to Miss Nellie Crim, a daughter of A. A. and Eva Crim, who are farming people of Center township. Mr. and Mrs. Robb have two children, Maurine and Merrill. The republican party finds in Mr. Robb a stanch supporter of its principles and his fellow

citizens, recognizing his worth and ability have called upon him to fill many positions of honor and trust. He was a member of the republican central committee two years, was township assessor four years and has been township clerk for the past three years. He has also been president, treasurer and a director of the Farmers Institute and does all in his power to promote the interests of his community. In religious faith he is a Methodist.

HANS C. TOFT.

Many of the most highly esteemed residents of Ringsted are retired farmers and among this number is Hans C. Toft, who was born in Schleswig, Germany, of Danish descent, the sixth in order of birth in a family of seven children born to George and Ellen (Jessen) Toft. The father was a carpenter and mason.

Hans C. Toft was the only one of the family to come to the United States save his youngest brother, who was accidentally scalded to death on a steamboat running from San Francisco to Portland. Mr. Toft of this review attended school in his native country until he was sixteen years old and later spent eighteen months in the Danish army according to the requirements of the country. Upon returning to civil life he was employed as a farm hand for two years, but in 1881 came to the United States and made his way to Battle Creek, Iowa. There he took out his first naturalization papers as it was his intention from the beginning to thoroughly identify himself with his adopted country. He worked for farmers in that locality for a time, but as soon as possible bought land, becoming the owner of eighty acres in Ida county. After farming that place for four years he went to Clinton, Iowa, where he was employed in a sawmill until 1893, in which year he removed to Kossuth county. He rented a farm near the Emmet county line and for three years was engaged in its operation, but at the end of that period purchased the west half of the southeast quarter of section 13, Denmark township, Emmet county. There he engaged in farming and stock raising until he retired from active life in 1915 and removed to Ringsted, where he is now making his home. He was thoroughly familiar with the most approved methods of cultivating the fields and caring for the live stock and was energetic and industrious, allowing nothing to interfere with his farm work, and thus it was that he gained a competence.

In 1887 Mr. Toft was married to Miss Abilena Wilson, a daughter of Andrew and Katherine Wilson, natives of Schleswig, who, however, emigrated to the United States. They lived for some time in Clinton, Iowa, but subsequently made their home in Hancock county, Iowa, with their son Jesse, now a resident of Armstrong, Iowa. The mother died in Hancock county, but the father passed away in Emmet county while living with Mr. and Mrs. Toft. He is buried in St. John's cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Toft have become the parents of six children: Alma, who died at the age of eighteen and is buried in St. John's cemetery; Tina, now Mrs. Knut Bonnicksen, of Denmark township; and Andrew, George, Olga and Siegfried, all at home.

Mr. Toft is a stalwart advocate of republican principles and can be depended upon to support the candidates of that party at the polls. He has made his own way in the world, having neither capital nor influential friends to aid him in gaining a start, but the necessity of depending upon his own resources did not discourage him as he believed that persistence and careful management would enable him to gain success. This faith has been more than justified and he now ranks among the substantial men of Ringsted.

PAUL H. GRAVES.

Paul H. Graves, engaged in the grain and coal trade at Gruver and identified with farming interests in Center township, Emmet county, was born in La Salle county, Illinois, March 24, 1889, a son of W. A. and Ida Graves, both of whom are natives of La Salle county, where the father engaged in business as a lumber dealer. There he and his wife still make their home. In their family were five children who are yet living, and one of the daughters, Gertrude, now the wife of M. H. Wilkinson, is a resident of Ellsworth township, Emmet county.

Paul H. Graves spent the days of his boyhood and youth in La Salle county, Illinois, and he supplemented his early education, acquired in the common schools, by two years' study in Knox College at Galesburg, Illinois. In 1908 he arrived in Emmet county, Iowa, where he worked for his grandfather, P. H. Graves, upon the home farm for a year. He then became manager of the Henry Rippe Grain Company at Gruver and has since been continuously identified with the business enterprise and commercial upbuilding of that town. Later he engaged in the implement trade on his own account, continuing his activity along that line until 1913, when he built an elevator at Gruver which he has since operated. In addition to buying grain he also sells coal, and he has a good patronage in both branches of his business. He also owns one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 15, Center township, constituting the southwest quarter of the section. His elevator and his farm are the visible evidences of a life of well directed energy and thrift.

In 1908 Mr. Graves was united in marriage to Miss Mae Hoff, a daughter of Chris and Rachel Hoff, of Traer, Iowa, who are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Graves have become parents of three children: Russell, Geraldine and Myron. Mr. Graves is a member of North Star Lodge, No. 447, F. & A. M., of Estherville, and in his life exemplifies the beneficent spirit upon which the order is based. He and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church and are most loyal to its teachings.

In politics he is a republican and is serving on the council at Gruver. He coöperates heartily in all plans and movements for the upbuilding of his town, his county and his state and he stands as a high type of American manhood and chivalry.

JACOB MARTINI.

Jacob Martini, who follows farming on section 10, Lloyd township, is one of the citizens that Germany has furnished to Iowa, his birth occurring in the fatherland December 9, 1853. His parents, Gerald and Maria (Klinkler) Martini, were also natives of Germany, where they continued to make their home until 1866, which year witnessed their emigration to America. They first located in Stephenson county, Illinois, but in 1882 came to Iowa, where they continued to reside until called to their final rest. They had a family of six children, three of whom are still living.

In his native land Jacob Martini acquired a good practical education which has been of great benefit to him in later years. He accompanied his parents on their removal to the United States in 1866 and remained with them for some time. It was in 1893 that he arrived in Dickinson county, Iowa, and purchased his present farm on section 10, Lloyd township. Here he now owns a valuable tract of three hundred and twenty acres upon which he has made excellent improvements, and in its cultivation he has met with good success. He has become interested in other enterprises and is today a director of the First National Bank of Terril.

In 1878 Mr. Martini was united in marriage to Miss Cornelia Smith, also a native of Germany, and to them have been born eight children, but four are now deceased, those living being: Maria, now the wife of Claus Stratman; Elsa, at home; Jennie, the wife of Fred Ern, of Atwater, Minnesota; and Grace, at home. During their residence in Dickinson county the family have become widely and favorably known. Mr. Martini casts his ballot for the men and measures of the republican party but has never been an office seeker, his time being wholly taken up by his business interests. He has a good farm and is recognized as a man of business and executive ability.

FRANK J. STEINER.

Frank J. Steiner, who for a number of years has successfully engaged in the hotel business in Armstrong, Emmet county, is a representative of the fine class of citizens that Germany has given to Iowa. He was born in that country October 25, 1859, and there his parents spent their

entire lives. He received his education in the schools of the fatherland and in his youth learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed there until twenty-three years old. He then, in 1882, came to America and was employed as a farm hand near Emmetsburg, Iowa, until his marriage, after which he removed to Dubuque, Iowa. Still later he located at St. Paul, Minnesota, and there he followed his trade until 1894. He then came to Armstrong, Emmet county, Iowa, and during the twenty-three years which have since intervened he has concentrated his energies upon the conduct of the hotel. Since October, 1908, his wife and their son, Frank J. Steiner, Jr., have engaged in the restaurant business. They also operate a bakery and the success with which their efforts have been attended is remarkable. They do an enormous business in their restaurant, their trade being the largest in the county, and also find a ready sale for their bakery goods. In the management of their interests they have displayed foresight and business acumen and they hold to the highest standards in regard to the quality and purity of the food served. They also own two business properties in the town.

On the 23d of June, 1885, Mr. Steiner was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Namer, a daughter of John and Anna Namer, natives of Germany, who emigrated to America in the '50s and located in Ohio, where the father farmed. Later removal was made to Palo Alto county, Iowa, and there he passed away in February, 1889. His wife, however, is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Steiner are the parents of five children, Mamie, Jennie, Frank J., William and V.

Mr. Steiner is a democrat in his political belief and in religious faith is a Catholic. The family are well known not only in Armstrong but throughout the county and are held in the highest respect because of the many admirable qualities which characterize them.

THOMAS V. GAMMELGAARD.

Thomas V. Gammelgaard, deceased, was an honored citizen of Emmet county, his home being on section 21, Denmark township, where his family still reside. Of Danish descent, he was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, and there he was reared and educated. His parents, who are also deceased, never came to the United States. In their family were only two children, a son and daughter, and the latter is still a resident of Denmark.

Mr. Gammelgaard, of this review, served for three years in the Danish army, and at the age of twenty-five years came alone to America, believing that here he could better his financial condition. He first located in Clinton county, Iowa, but a year later removed to Humboldt county, this state, where he worked as a farm hand for a time. In 1894 he became a resident of Denmark township, Emmet county, where he engaged in farming upon rented land for six years, and in 1900 purchased the west half

of the southwest quarter of section 21, where he continued to follow farming with good results until his death, which occurred June 30, 1907. His remains were interred in St. John's cemetery.

In 1897 Mr. Gammelgaard married Miss Laura Petersen, whose parents died in Clinton, Iowa, when she was quite small, and she was adopted by P. L. and Christina Petersen, now living retired in Ringsted. To Mr. and Mrs. Gammelgaard were born four children: Alfred, Myrtle, Edward and Emil, all at home. By a former marriage Mr. Gammelgaard had one son, Chris, who is now engaged in farming near Rutland, Iowa.

Mr. Gammelgaard cast his ballot with the democratic party and acceptably served as school director in his district. He was an earnest and consistent member of St. John's Lutheran church, and also held membership in the Danish Brotherhood, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was one of the highly esteemed citizens of his community and had the confidence and respect of all who knew him.

KNUT K. SKATTEBO.

Knut K. Skattebo is now living retired in Wallingford but for a considerable period was actively connected with farming interests in Twelve Mile Lake township and was accounted one of the leading and progressive farmers of Emmet county. Wisconsin claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Manitowoc county, January 14, 1859, his parents being Knut and Emma (Roble) Skattebo, who were natives of Norway. The father followed the occupation of farming in order to provide for the support of his family, which included nine children.

Reared under the parental roof, Knut K. Skattebo attended the district schools until sixteen years of age and then concentrated his efforts upon the farm work, continuing to assist his father in the further development and improvement of the fields on the old homestead until he reached the age of twenty-five years. Seeking opportunities offered elsewhere he came to Emmet county in 1885 and for three years rented farm land, residing for two years of that period in High Lake township and for one year in Twelve Mile Lake township. With the money which he had thus earned he then purchased the northeast quarter of section 1, Twelve Mile Lake township, and thereafter was busily engaged in general agricultural pursuits until 1915, when he put aside the work of the fields and retired to Wallingford, where he now makes his home. His labors wrought a marked change in the appearance of his place, for he brought his land to a high state of cultivation and annually gathered good crops as the reward for the care and labor which he bestowed upon his fields.

On July 3, 1884, Mr. Skattebo was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary O. Odegard, her parents being Ove and Mary (Berge) Odegard, of Mani-

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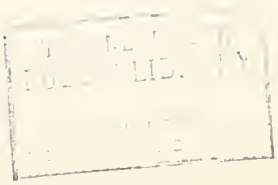

towoc county, Wisconsin, both of whom have passed away. They were the parents of seven children, of whom five survive. To Mr. and Mrs. Skattebo have been born nine children, as follows: Clarence I., who is married and resides on the home place; Mable, the deceased wife of Clarence Clemensen; Charlotte, who is the wife of John Graff and lives near Raleigh, Iowa; Minnie, at home; Augusta, who is residing at Ames; and Lloyd, Arthur, Frances and Leonard, all at home.

Mr. Skattebo is a republican in his political views and strongly indorses the principles of his party. For a number of years he has served as a member of the township school board but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He belongs to the Norwegian Lutheran church and his has been an honorable, upright life, commending him to the confidence and good will of those who have known him. He started out empty handed and his success is due to industry and perseverance, those qualities constituting the foundation upon which he has built his prosperity. He is justly entitled to the rest which he is now enjoying, for his earnest and persistent labor in former years brought to him the capital that now supplies him with all the comforts and some of the luxuries of life.

R. C. COLEMAN, M. D.

Striving ever to reach high professional standards, his attainments along the line of his chosen life work have brought Dr. R. C. Coleman prominently before the public as a most capable physician and surgeon of Estherville. He was born in Livermore, Iowa, on the 12th of November, 1889, a son of Isaac Coleman, a native of Toronto, Canada, who when about sixteen years of age crossed the border into New York state, where he resided for five years. He then removed westward to Iowa, settling at Lost Nation, Jackson county, where he spent three years. He afterward removed to Livermore, Humboldt county, and in 1899 came to Emmet county, establishing his home in Dolliver, where he remained for four years. During that period he devoted his attention to the hardware business, after which he took up the occupation of farming, in which he continued throughout the remainder of his active business life. In 1914, however, he put aside business cares and removed to Estherville, where he is now enjoying a well earned rest. It was subsequent to his removal to Iowa that he married Miss Nettie Moulton, of Maquoketa, whose parents had removed to Jackson county, Iowa, from New York in 1844, being among the first of the pioneer settlers of that district.

At the usual age Dr. Coleman became a public school pupil and continued his education in the high school at Armstrong, from which he was graduated with the class of 1904. In the fall of 1905 he entered the Iowa State University, in which he pursued a two years' course in the liberal arts. In 1908 he matriculated in the medical department of the

State University and won his M. D. degree in due course of time as a graduate of the class of 1912. He spent the following year as an interne in the University Hospital and in post graduate work and through his hospital experience gained that broad knowledge and efficiency which can be secured in no other way as quickly as in hospital practice. In July, 1913, he went to Europe for further study and spent eight months in attendance at the clinics in Vienna, after which he made his way to Gratz, Austria, where he spent six months in further study, whereby he became familiar with the methods of some of the most eminent physicians and surgeons of the old world. In October, 1914, he returned to the United States to take up the practice of his profession and on the 20th of January, 1915, opened an office in Estherville, Iowa, where in the past two years he has built up an extensive practice.

On the 24th of May, 1916, Dr. Coleman was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Dean Smith, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. He is a member of Estherville Lodge, No. 545, B. P. O. E., and of the Phi Rho Sigma, a college fraternity. Dr. Coleman also belongs to the Emmet County Medical Society and the Iowa State Medical Association, and while one of the younger, he is also recognized as one of the foremost physicians and surgeons of Emmet county, thoroughly in touch with the most modern methods and scientific practices known to the profession.

RASMUS HANSEN.

For six years Rasmus Hansen was actively identified with the commercial interests of Emmet county as one of the leading business men of Ringsted but now devotes his time and attention to agricultural pursuits, owning and operating a fine farm on section 30, Denmark township. He was born on the 27th of March, 1865, in Denmark, and is the fourth in order of birth in a family of eight children whose parents were Mads P. and Karen Marie (Jensen) Hansen. The first fifteen years of his life were spent in his native land and he then accompanied the family on their emigration to the new world. It was in 1880 that they arrived in Story City, Iowa, and the father purchased a farm in Story county, which he operated for five years. In 1885 he removed with his family to Palo Alto county, locating just across the line from Denmark township, Emmet county, and the farm which he there secured he improved and cultivated for a number of years. At length his son Rasmus purchased the place and cared for his parents until death. The father passed away on the 31st of December, 1898, and the mother died January 18, 1916, both being laid to rest in St. John's cemetery.

During his boyhood and youth Rasmus Hansen became thoroughly familiar with the best methods of carrying on agricultural pursuits and he followed farming until 1900, when he embarked in the hardware business at Ringsted and continued operations along that line for three

years. During the following three years he was engaged in the coal and feed business at that place, but in 1906 resumed farming, purchasing the southwest quarter of section 30, Denmark township, Emmet county, where he now resides. He has drained the land and made many substantial improvements thereon, converting it into one of the best farms of the locality. He raises high grade Holstein cattle and also hogs, keeping registered boars for that purpose.

In 1893 Mr. Hansen married Miss Johanna Marie Madsen, a daughter of Jens P. and Maren Madsen, who were lifelong residents of Denmark. Mr. and Mrs. Hansen have four children: Carrie, Sine, Minnie and August. The family are communicants of St. Paul's Lutheran church and Mr. Hansen is identified with the democratic party. He assisted in the incorporation of the town of Ringsted and served on the council two years. He takes an active and commendable interest in public affairs and never withholds his support from any enterprise which he believes calculated to promote the moral, educational or material welfare of his community. He is a straightforward and reliable business man and well merits any trust reposed in him.

LUDVIG LARSEN.

Ludvig Larsen, living on a farm on section 6 in High Lake township, was born in Norway, June 7, 1866. His parents, Lars and Inger (Kril) Larsen, were also natives of that country, where they lived and died. They had a family of nine children, six of whom yet survive.

Spending his youthful days in his native land, Ludvig Larsen there obtained a public school education and in 1886, when twenty years of age, came to the new world. He did not tarry on the Atlantic coast, but made his way at once west of the Mississippi and settled in Jones county, Iowa, where he lived for sixteen years. He then returned to Norway, where he remained for four and one-half years, when he came once more to America and established his home in Emmet county. He settled upon the farm where he now lives on section 6, High Lake township, and gives his attention to the further development and improvement of his fields. Within the boundaries of his farm are comprised one hundred and ninety-nine acres, constituting one of the attractive and well improved farms of the township. It is lacking in none of the modern accessories which facilitate farm work and promote the success of the agriculturist. Mr. Larsen makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock and as the years have gone by he has won substantial returns as the reward of his labor, being now one of the prosperous citizens of Emmet county.

In 1900 occurred the marriage of Mr. Larsen and Miss Lena Hankin, a native of Jones county, Iowa. They have become parents of five children: Hilma; Etta, deceased; Hannah; Leo, who has also passed away;

and Norman. The parents are members of the Lutheran church and guide their lives according to its teachings. In his political views Mr. Larsen has been a republican since becoming a naturalized American citizen. For six years he served as school director and he is always interested in those plans and projects which work for the development and upbuilding of the community. He has many sterling traits of character and his life record indicates what may be accomplished through persistent, earnest effort prompted by laudable ambition.

GEORGE STEWART.

Among the highly respected residents of Armstrong is George Stewart, who devoted the greater part of his active life to farming and was for a few years a general merchant of Armstrong. He has now put aside all business cares, however, and is giving himself over to the enjoyment of a well earned leisure. He was born in Ontario, Canada, October 8, 1853, and is a son of George and Jane (Richmond) Stewart, natives of Scotland, who became residents of Ontario, Canada, in 1849. The father followed farming there for twenty years but in 1869 removed to Kossuth county, Iowa, where he purchased land. He passed away on the 4th of July, 1899, more than thirty-five years after the death of his wife, who was called to her last rest on the 23d of December, 1863.

George Stewart began his education in the schools of Ontario and completed it in those of Kossuth county, Iowa. He remained with his father until he attained his majority and then taught school in Kossuth county, Iowa, for two terms, after which he came to Emmet county and homesteaded land in Armstrong Grove township in 1877. As soon as possible he brought his land under cultivation and as the years passed added to the improvements upon the place. He cultivated his land until 1912 with the exception of five years when it was rented to others, during which time, from 1898 until 1904, he was engaged in the milling business at Armstrong. At the end of that period he returned to the farm but in 1913 took up his permanent abode in Armstrong. For two years he conducted a general store here but in September, 1915, disposed of that property and has since lived retired. While upon the farm he gave particular attention to raising thoroughbred Poland China hogs and from that business received a gratifying profit. He has disposed of his farm in Armstrong township but still owns land south of Estherville in Emmet county and holds title to his residence in Armstrong. He likewise owns stock in the Farmers Elevator Company.

On the 20th of July, 1878, Mr. Stewart was united in marriage to Miss Georgiana P. Steel, by whom he had seven children: Mary J.; Louise; James; John, who was killed by a train September 11, 1911; Ada; Minnie V.; and Guy. The wife and mother died on the 24th of

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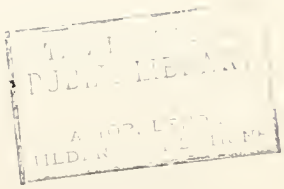

March, 1898, and on the 6th of June, 1900, Mr. Stewart was again married, choosing as his second wife Miss Ella J. Dodds, who died on the 10th of October, 1905. On the 12th of October, 1910, he married Miss Fannie S. Kennedy.

Mr. Stewart is an advocate of republican principles and supports the candidates of that party at the polls. He has been active in local affairs, having served as assessor and trustee of Armstrong Grove township and having also been a member of the town council of Armstrong. While living on the farm he served on the school board for some time and he operated a store and had charge of the postoffice at Armstrong Grove before the town of Armstrong was even thought of. In all of his official connections he has displayed the same energy and foresight which have been such important factors in his individual success. He belongs to the Knight Templar Commandery of the Masonic order and to the Mystic Shrine and his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. He has been a leader in his community along various lines and has the satisfaction of knowing that his life has been well spent.

LAURENCE F. HEINRICH.

Laurence F. Heinrich is well known as the proprietor of the Cloverdale Farm, comprising two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land on section 14, Iowa Lake township, Emmet county. His birth occurred in Benton county, Iowa, in July, 1882, his parents being Gustav and Matilda (Becker) Heinrich, the former a native of Australia and the latter of Castle, Pennsylvania. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, came to America at the age of nineteen years, taking up his abode in Benton county, Iowa, where he worked by the month as a farm hand until he was twenty-four years old. At that time he purchased a tract of eighty acres which he improved and cultivated for five years, on the expiration of which period he disposed of the property and bought another farm of two hundred and forty acres in Benton county, operating the same until 1910. In that year he put aside the active work of the fields and has since lived in honorable retirement at Waterloo, Blackhawk county, Iowa. His wife passed away in August, 1911.

Laurence F. Heinrich was reared and educated in his native county and remained under the parental roof until he had attained the age of twenty-three years. He then started out as an agriculturist on his own account and cultivated a tract of rented land in Benton county, Iowa, for eight years, at the end of which time he purchased a farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Emmet township, Emmet county. After operating the place for a year he sold out and bought his present farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 14, Iowa Lake township, on which he has made substantial improvements and which he has cultivated con-

tinuously and successfully since. In connection with the raising of cereals he feeds about two cars of hogs annually, this branch of his business adding materially to his income.

On the 21st of December, 1905, Mr. Heinrich was united in marriage to Miss Meta Combs, a daughter of Thomas and Martha (Walters) Combs, who are natives of Kentucky and Pennsylvania respectively. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, removed to Benton county, Iowa, at an early day, having for several years previously been engaged in farming in Linn county, this state. He carried on the work of the fields for many years in Benton county, but he and his wife are now living retired at Blairstown, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich have two children, namely: Marion A., who was born October 6, 1906; and Clark D., whose natal day was October 10, 1907.

Mr. Heinrich gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is now serving as a trustee of Iowa Lake township. He is also one of the board of directors of the Emmet County Fair Association and was director of the Emmet County Improvement Association until his recent resignation. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Evangelical Association of North America. His life is upright and honorable in every relation and he enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the representative citizens and prosperous agriculturists of his community.

J. W. OAKES.

J. W. Oakes, a representative farmer of Jack Creek township, Emmet county, makes his home on section 27 and a well developed tract of land there pays tribute to the care and labor which he bestows upon it. He is a native of Laporte county, Indiana, born March 22, 1866, and is a son of William Mc and Anna E. (Forseman) Oakes, who were natives of Pennsylvania. They were married, however, in Indiana, to which state they had removed with their parents in early life. In 1867 they became residents of Ogle county, Illinois, and there the father continued to engage in the occupation of farming until death terminated his labors in 1899. His widow is still living and now resides with a daughter in Oregon, Illinois.

J. W. Oakes was educated in the common schools and in the high school at Valparaiso, Indiana, and in 1886 he began farming on his own account. He had been reared to the work of the fields and was thoroughly familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He first rented land in Ogle county and in 1887 he came to Iowa, where for four years he rented land in Lyon county. There he carried on farming until 1891, which year witnessed his arrival in Emmet county. The same year he purchased his present home farm, comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 27, Jack Creek township. On this place he has

since made his home and his labors have been concentrated upon its further development and improvement with the result that it is today one of the fine farms of the locality.

In 1892 Mr. Oakes was united in marriage to Miss Eda Kent, of Polk county, Iowa, by whom he had five children, four of whom still survive, namely: William Mc, a resident of Ringsted, Emmet county; and Kent, Joseph W., Jr., and Grace E., all at home.

Politically, Mr. Oakes is independent, while fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is one of the best known men of Jack Creek township, respected as a progressive agriculturist and as a public-spirited citizen, his life record at all times having conformed to the highest standards of manhood and citizenship.

ERNEST ALBERT WOODS.

The firm of Woods & Woods, dealers in implements at Milford, is one of the important factors in the commercial life of the town and the men who comprise it, Ernest Albert Woods and his brother, George P. Woods, are acknowledged to be men of sterling integrity, enterprise and sound judgment. Ernest A. Woods is likewise prominent in public affairs and is now filling the office of mayor. He was born in Clay county, Iowa, December 14, 1880, a son of John and Emma (Williams) Woods, both natives of Chestershire, England. The mother was born in the city of Chester, one of the oldest towns in England. In 1878 they came to the United States and located in Clay county, Iowa, where the father farmed for several years. Subsequently he removed to Westport township, Dickinson county, and after retiring from active life took up his residence in Milford, where he passed away. He and his wife are buried in Okoboji cemetery. To them were born four sons and one daughter, namely: Jennie, now Mrs. W. B. Herrick, of Faith, South Dakota; F. C., of Stephen, Minnesota; George P., who is associated with Ernest Albert in business; Leonard, who died when four years old and is buried in Clay county; and Ernest Albert.

The last named attended the district schools in Clay county and also in Dickinson county and was for three years a student in the high school at Peterson, Iowa. Subsequently he taught a district school in Okoboji township for two years, but in 1903 he came to Milford and became a member of the firm, Woods & Woods, at the time of his father's death. They carry a general line of farm implements and give particular attention to their trade in tractors, which have been found adapted to so many uses on the modern farm. The proven reliability of the partners has been an important factor in the development of their large trade and custom once gained has usually been retained.

They have a large stock, which is strictly up-to-date, and spare no pains to satisfy their patrons.

In Jesup, Iowa, on August 25, 1909, Mr. Woods was married to Miss Alice Barger, a daughter of James and Lovina Barger, of Hampton, Iowa, both of whom are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Woods have been born three children, Jene, Marion and Winifred.

Mr. Woods is a stanch supporter of the republican party and is recognized as a leader in affairs of local government. For the past ten years he has been a member of the town council and he is now mayor, in which capacity he has done excellent work in furthering the interests of the municipality. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and is also identified with the Masonic blue lodge and with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a man of varied interests and has a broad-minded outlook which enables him to give to each factor in life its due emphasis.

BERT B. ANDERSON.

A prominent figure in connection with the grain trade in this section of Iowa is Bert B. Anderson, of Estherville, who owns a number of elevators along the line of the Rock Island Railroad. He possesses marked business enterprise and determination and carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, allowing no obstacle to bar his path if it can be overcome by persistent, earnest effort.

Mr. Anderson is a native of the state of New York. He was born October 2, 1859, of the marriage of George A. and Nancy Anderson, who were also natives of the Empire state and who in 1873 removed with their family to Winneshiek county, Iowa, where they took up their abode upon a farm. In 1877 they became residents of Lyon county, Iowa, where the father and mother spent their remaining days. They had a family of five children, all of whom are yet living.

Bert B. Anderson was a youth of fourteen at the time the family came to this state. He acquired a public school education in New York and in Iowa and through the period of his minority aided more and more largely in the work of the home farm as his age and strength increased. After attaining his majority he purchased land in Lyon county and resided thereon for five years, at the end of which time he sold that property and turned to commercial pursuits, engaging in the hardware, implement and grain business in connection with G. M. Anderson at Inwood, Iowa. He was located there for many years, but at length removed to Minneapolis, where he became a stockholder in the Skewis Moen Grain Company. He was traveling auditor for the company for four years and at the end of that time the company dissolved. In 1905 Mr. Anderson came to Estherville and here began dealing in grain and coal. He has since acquired elevators at various points along the Rock

Island Railroad and is doing an extensive business as a grain merchant. He thoroughly understands the trade and his enterprise and progressiveness are bringing to him substantial returns.

In 1885 Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Lydia J. Harrington, of Farmington, Illinois, by whom he has two children, George H. and C. Morton, both at home.

In his political views Mr. Anderson is a republican, but has never been an aspirant for office. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and the Odd Fellows at Estherville, with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the United Commercial Travelers. He is also a member of the Commercial Club and both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church. Their lives are actuated by high and honorable principles and they are now numbered among Estherville's most valued and respected citizens, having here a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance.

J. ANTON SORENSEN.

J. Anton Sorensen so managed his affairs while actively engaged in farming that he secured a gratifying profit from the sale of his grain and stock and his resources are now such that he is able to live retired in Ringsted. He was born in Denmark, September 30, 1856, and is a son of Soren and Hannah Sorensen. The father was a farmer by occupation and passed his entire life in Denmark, dying when his son J. Anton was a year old. His death was due to disease contracted as the result of exposure while serving in the Prussian war. The mother survived for fifteen years.

J. Anton Sorensen, who was one of a family of three children, attended the public schools until he was confirmed and subsequently was employed on farms until he was eighteen years old, when he came to the United States and located in Dakalb county, Illinois. He remained there for five years, during the greater part of which time he worked as a hired hand, and later he purchased eighty acres of good land in Franklin county, Iowa, to which he subsequently added one hundred and sixty acres. For twenty years he farmed in that county, but in 1902 bought the northwest quarter of section 24, Denmark township, Emmet county, upon which place he resided for eleven years. He also acquired by later purchase the south half of the southwest quarter of section 13 and the north half of the southeast quarter of section 24 and the operation of those tracts left him little time for outside interests. In 1913 he put aside the active work of the fields and removed to Ringsted, where he erected a fine modern home.

In 1878 occurred the marriage of Mr. Sorensen and Miss Mary Davidsen, a daughter of Daniel and Maren Davidsen, natives of Denmark. The mother passed away in that country, but the father came to

the United States and for the last twenty years of his life made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Sorensen. He died in 1901 and is buried in Franklin county. To Mr. and Mrs. Sorensen have been born eight children: Daniel, who is married and is operating the home place; John, of Ringsted; Anna, the wife of T. B. Petersen, of Ringsted; Torvald, who is farming in Kossuth county; Peter, who is with his brother Torvald; Alfred, who died when eighteen years old and is buried in St. John's cemetery; and Lena and Helga, both at home.

Although Mr. Sorensen believes in the basic principles of the republican party he votes independently when he believes that he can best serve public interests by so doing. He is now the incumbent in the office of township trustee and has made an excellent record in that capacity, performing his duties promptly and efficiently. He belongs to St. John's Lutheran church and takes a commendable interest in the furtherance of its work.

JOHN JACKSON.

John Jackson is numbered among the self-made men of Wallingford with a record that redounds to his credit and honor, for it has been through persistent purpose, indefatigable energy and perseverance that he has won the success that now enables him to live retired. He was born in Scotland, August 20, 1860, and his parents, George and Anna (Carrol) Jackson, were also natives of that country, where the father was a shepherd. In their family were twelve children.

Reared in the land of hills and heather, John Jackson remained there until twenty-three years of age, when the reports which he heard concerning the opportunities of the new world led to his determination to try his fortune on this side the Atlantic. He came alone to America and made his way to Bismarck, North Dakota. Soon afterward he became identified with the sheep and cattle industry there, working for others for four years, on the expiration of which period he purchased a homestead right in Emmons county, North Dakota, where he lived for fifteen years. In 1899 he came to Emmet county, Iowa, after having paid a visit to his old home in Scotland. The following spring his mother, two brothers and two sisters came to the United States, two older brothers having previously crossed the Atlantic. All went to North Dakota and with the exception of Mr. Jackson of this review none of the family ever became residents of Iowa. His father had died in Scotland in 1896 ere the mother and four children came to the new world. Mrs. Jackson still makes her home in Bismarck, living with her son Hugh, and is enjoying good health at the age of eighty-three years.

After taking up his abode in Emmet county, Iowa, John Jackson joined Benjamin Allen in the purchase of land in Twelve Mile Lake township. Seven years later they divided their land interests, Mr. Jackson

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becoming the owner of the east half and the southwest quarter of section 23. Since that time he has sold one hundred and sixty acres but still retains the east half of the section, upon which his son, Charles P. Jackson, now resides. It constitutes a valuable property of three hundred and twenty acres of rich Iowa farm land which he converted into very productive fields, annually gathering therefrom abundant harvests as a reward for the care and labor bestowed upon the land. He also added many substantial improvements to the place in the way of good buildings, well kept fences and modern machinery and his progressive farm work made him in time one of the men of affluence of Emmet county.

On September 5, 1887, Mr. Jackson was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Keith, a daughter of Archie and Kate (McArthur) Keith, natives of Scotland, where they passed away, the mother in 1870 and the father in 1901, never having come to the United States. To their union were born nine children. Following the death of his first wife Mr. Keith married Mary Quantin and they became the parents of five children, of whom two survive. Six of the children of the first marriage are still living but Mrs. Jackson is the only one who has come to the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have two children. Charles P., who is farming the old home place in Twelve Mile Lake township, was married September 18, 1912, to Miss Mabel Andahl, a daughter of George and Anna Andahl, of the same township, and to this union has been born a son, Bernard Francis, whose natal day was June 17, 1916. Janet K. was married on the 26th of November, 1913, to Arthur Andahl, who is also engaged in farming in that township, and they have a daughter, Goldie May, born October 20, 1915.

Mr. Jackson continued upon the farm until 1912, when he put aside the cares of business life and established his home in Wallingford, where he is now comfortably located. He gives his political endorsement to the men and measures of the republican party and he and his wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian church, their well spent lives having gained for them the goodwill and kindly regard of those with whom they have been associated.

JOHN L. McDONALD.

John L. McDonald, proprietor of Sunny Crest Farm in Estherville township, is one of the representative agriculturists of Emmet county. He was born in Elgin, Kane county, Illinois, on the 1st of October, 1865, his parents being John and Rebecca (Frost) McDonald, natives of Scotland and England respectively. By occupation the father was a farmer. In the family were ten children, of whom John L. is the youngest. The others still living are Mary, now the widow of Henry Allenson and a resident of Minneapolis; G. H., of Pasadena, California; and Nettie, the wife of Archer Johnson, of Palo Alto county, Iowa.

During his boyhood and youth John L. McDonald attended the public schools and also an academy at Elgin, Illinois, and on laying aside his textbooks at the age of eighteen years began clerking in a dry goods store, where he was employed until 1899. In that year he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, purchasing a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Palo Alto county, Iowa, which he operated for nine years. In 1909 he came to Emmet county and bought a tract of similar size in Center township, whereon he lived for two years. On selling that place he purchased the west half of the northwest quarter of section 13, Estherville township, and fifty-five acres in the northeast quarter of section 14, the same township. Here he is now successfully engaged in general farming and dairying and has a well improved place, known as Sunny Crest Farm.

Mr. McDonald married Miss Kittie C. Briggs, a daughter of Henry J. and Sarah A. (Bartlett) Briggs. Her father was killed in the Civil war and her mother is also deceased. The father was buried at Springfield, Missouri, and the mother at Elgin, Illinois, where she made her home. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald have three children: Boyd J., at home; and Marine and Glenn B., now in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

While a resident of Palo Alto county, Mr. McDonald filled most of the township offices, but has never taken an active part in public affairs since coming to Emmet county. In politics he is a republican, and in his religious connection is a member of the Presbyterian church. He is widely and favorably known and well merits the confidence reposed in him.

WARNER L. HOPPUS.

The operation of his fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Armstrong Grove township requires practically the entire attention of Warner L. Hoppus, leaving him little time for outside interests. He was born in Clayton county, Iowa, December 8, 1857, and is a son of Daniel and Frances (Hanna) Hoppus, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and of Ohio. The father was a butcher by trade but following his removal to Iowa carried on farming here. Subsequently he was similarly engaged in Minnesota and in Canada, his death occurring in the Dominion in August, 1912, when he had reached the venerable age of eighty-eight years. His wife is still living in that country.

Warner L. Hoppus grew to manhood in Hardin county, Iowa, and had the privilege of attending the common schools until he was fourteen years old. He then began working as a farm hand and so continued until 1881, when he rented land. Two years later he bought a farm in Hardin county which he operated for three years but at the end of that time he again rented land, which he cultivated for two years. He at length purchased another farm in Franklin county, Iowa, but after giving five

years to its operation he came to Emmet county in 1894. For seventeen years he operated one farm in Armstrong Grove township under lease but at the end of that time realized a long cherished purpose as he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of fine land. His place is situated on section 21, Armstrong Grove township, and its value has been increased by many improvements. He is engaged in general farming and his yearly income is a gratifying one.

Mr. Hoppus was married on the 28th of December, 1881, to Miss Julia Rogers and to them were born three children: Lyman E., who was born on the 13th of November, 1883, and died in 1886; Lee L., who was born October 7, 1887, and is now farming in Armstrong Grove township; and Luella Blanche, born July 30, 1889. On the 6th of May, 1911, the wife and mother died suddenly of heart failure. She had many warm friends and her demise was the occasion of much sincere grief.

In politics Mr. Hoppus is a republican and fraternally is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. In successfully managing his agricultural interests and improving his farm he is not only gaining prosperity for himself but is also contributing to the development of his township and county, whose wealth consists chiefly of rich farm lands.

CARL H. OLSON.

Prominent among the energetic, farsighted and successful business men of Estherville is numbered Carl H. Olson, who is the proprietor of a well equipped jewelry store, carrying a large and attractive line of goods. His progressive spirit has enabled him to work his way steadily upward in a business way and he has been dependent upon his own resources from the age of fifteen years. A native of Norway, he was born in Christiania, June 22, 1871, a son of Nels and Karn (Bolsoe) Olson, both of whom were natives of the land of the midnight sun, where they spent their entire lives, the father there engaging in business as a tailor.

Carl H. Olson was reared and educated in Norway and when a youth of fifteen years began learning the jeweler's trade, which he followed in his native country until he attained his majority. He then bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for America, hoping to benefit his financial condition by the opportunities offered in the new world. He located first at Moscow, Idaho, and there secured employment in a jewelry store, remaining in that city until 1896, when he removed to Milford, Iowa, where he was employed until 1898. He then came to Estherville, where he worked at the jewelry business for three years and then started a store on his own account. His first location was in the building now occupied by the drug store of Charles Kane and later he was where Strube Brothers' music store is now seen. In September, 1916, he removed to his new store and now has a thoroughly up-to-date jewelry establishment, carrying a large and attractive line. His reasonable prices, honorable

dealing and earnest desire to please his patrons are the qualities which have secured to him a growing and representative trade, making him one of the prosperous merchants of his adopted city.

In October, 1907, Mr. Olson was married to Miss Anna Olson, a daughter of Halvor and Annetta Olson, the latter now deceased. Her father is still living and is engaged in farming in Emmet county. Mr. and Mrs. Olson hold membership in the Lutheran church and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is a loyal son of his adopted country, striving ever to further the interests and welfare of city and state. He has never regretted his determination to come to the new world, for here he has found the opportunities which he sought and in their utilization has made steady advancement along business lines.

E. J. STARKEY.

E. J. Starkey, assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Terril, was born in Jerauld county, South Dakota, on the 23d of February, 1884, a son of Louis S. and Belle (Bergeson) Starkey, the former a native of Allamakee county, Iowa, while the latter was born in Winneshiek county, this state. Her parents came to Dickinson county during the early girlhood of Mrs. Starkey and filed on a homestead two miles southeast of Terril. Louis S. Starkey came to Dickinson county with two brothers, K. S. and S. Starkey, in young manhood. In this county he was married and four or five years later removed to South Dakota, taking up a homestead claim in Jerauld county. In the fall of 1895 he returned to Dickinson county and for four years devoted his energies to farming, after which he spent ten years as an implement dealer of Terril, while for the past three years he has resided in Palo Alto county.

In his youthful days E. J. Starkey became a pupil in the public schools and passed through consecutive grades to the high school of Terril, while later he attended the Spencer (Ia.) Business College and the schools of Estherville. Following the completion of his studies he was for some years identified with his father's implement business and later he became manager of two grain elevators in Terril, to which business he devoted his attention for two years. In 1911 he entered the First National Bank of Terril as assistant cashier and is now serving in that capacity. He is well known in the city where he resides, the greater part of his life having here been passed, and his life history is as an open book which all may read.

In 1909 Mr. Starkey was united in marriage to Miss Laura Winslow, of Terril. In politics Mr. Starkey maintains an independent course, voting for men and measures rather than party. He is now serving as town treasurer and is also treasurer of the school board. Fraternally he is connected with Richloyd Lodge, No. 612, F. & A. M., and he and his wife

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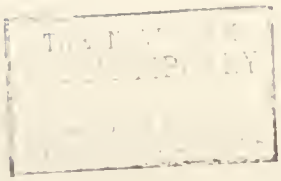

are members of Gloaming Chapter, No. 225, O. E. S. He likewise has membership with the Modern Woodmen of America, and both Mr. and Mrs. Starkey worship at the Methodist Episcopal church. He is one of the leading and representative young men of Dickinson county, highly esteemed wherever known and most of all where he is best known. He has attractive social qualities as well as marked business ability and thus he has become popular in the community in which he has so long lived.

S. B. REED.

S. B. Reed, of Dolliver, manifested marked enterprise and industry in the development of his fine farm in Lincoln township, Emmet county, and since his removal to Dolliver has been an important factor in insurance and banking circles here, being president of the Farmers Mutual Aid Insurance Company and being one of the organizers and also a director of the Dolliver Savings Bank. His birth occurred in Carroll county, Illinois, December 22, 1849, and his parents were William and Mary (Buckmaster) Reed, who removed from Ohio, their native state, to Illinois with an ox team in 1840. The father became the owner of a farm there and the primitive conditions of life in that locality are indicated by the fact that their first home there was a log cabin with a clapboard roof. In 1859 removal was made to Missouri, where they remained until 1861, when on account of the strong feeling engendered by the Civil war he left as the alternative to such a course was to join the rebel army. He returned to Mount Carroll, Illinois, where both he and his wife passed their last years. Five of their nine children still survive.

S. B. Reed attended the common schools of Carroll county, Illinois, in the acquirement of his education and remained at home until he became of age, when he purchased a farm in Carroll county, upon which he lived until 1888. In that year he sold the place and bought three hundred and twenty acres of raw prairie land in Lincoln township, Emmet county, which he brought under cultivation as soon as possible. As the years passed the place was transformed into a highly developed and well improved modern farm and he derived a gratifying annual income from the sale of his grain and stock. In 1901 he retired from farming and has since lived in Dolliver. He has not led a life of inactivity, however, as his duties as president of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company demand a good part of his time and attention. He is also a director of the Dolliver Savings Bank, which he aided in organizing.

Mr. Reed was married in 1876 to Miss Sylvia E. Bailey, who was also born in Carroll county, Illinois, and is a daughter of Elijah and Elmira (Holman) Bailey. The parents removed from Vermont to Illinois at an early day in the development of that state and there both passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Reed ten children have been born, namely:

Walter B., now a resident of Minnesota; Ruth, the wife of S. B. Caylor; Mira, who married Ben Trimble, a resident of Wyoming; James, who is also living in Wyoming; Mima, the wife of Roy Wertz, a resident of South Dakota; Alice, who married A. L. Koenecke; Bessie, the wife of Fred R. Dowden, a banker of Gruver, Iowa; Olive, the wife of Emil Eckhart; Bruce M.; and Sarah, deceased.

Mr. Reed is a republican and has served as trustee of his township. His record of official service in connection with the schools is unusual and highly creditable to his interest in the cause of education as for twenty years he was president of the school board. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and his wife is a member of the Baptist church.

JACOB K. BERVEN.

Prosperity has crowned the efforts of Jacob K. Berven in the operation of his home farm on section 36, Swan Lake township, to which he has given the name of the Instenes Farm for his father's old farm in Norway. He is a native of that country, born July 7, 1866, and is a son of Knute and Christi (Jacobson) Berven, who never left the land of the midnight sun. Both have passed away but with one exception all their nine children survive them.

In the schools of Norway Jacob K. Berven obtained a good practical education and early became familiar with farm work in all its phases. Believing he would find better opportunities for advancement in the new world he came to America in 1883 and first located in Lee county, Illinois, where he worked as a farm hand for ten years. At the end of that period he went to Montana, where he spent thirteen years engaged in railroading and ranching. Since then he has made his home in Emmet county, Iowa, having purchased a farm on section 36, Swan Lake township. He has made many useful and valuable improvements upon the place, erecting good and substantial buildings and placing the land under excellent cultivation.

Mr. Berven was married in 1889 to Miss Bell Knutson, and to them were born seven chilren, namely: Kearney, George C., Clarence, Edmund W., Jacob A., Elmer L. and Emma C. The wife and mother died in Montana, June 10, 1903, and Mr. Berven was again married in 1906, his second union being with Miss Marie Peterson, a native of Denmark, by whom he has three children: Evelyn, Martin L. and Oscar J.

Mr. and Mrs. Berven are faithful members of the Lutheran church, and he is also identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having filled all of the chairs in the local lodge of the latter organization. The republican party finds in him a stanch supporter of its principles and he served as assessor of Swan Lake township for one term. He is now a school director, having been a

member of the school board for the past ten years, and he always gives his support to any enterprise calculated to promote the moral, educational or material welfare of the community in which he lives.

H. C. HANSEN.

H. C. Hansen, who owns and operates a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 21, Denmark township, Emmet county, comes of a good old Danish family, his birth occurring in Denmark, June 12, 1858. He is a son of Mads P. and Karen Marie (Jensen) Hansen, in whose family were eight children. In 1880 they crossed the ocean and took up their residence in Story county, Iowa, where they lived for five years, and then settled on a farm in Palo Alto county, just across the line from Denmark township, Emmet county. Both parents have now passed away and are buried in St. John's cemetery.

H. C. Hansen was reared and educated in his native land, being twenty-two years of age when the family came to the new world. Coming to Iowa he worked as a farm hand in this state for ten years and has since engaged in agricultural pursuits on his own account. After his marriage he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 2, Independence township, Palo Alto county, and continued its improvement and cultivation until 1900, when he purchased his present farm on section 21, Denmark township, Emmet county, which also consists of one hundred and twenty acres. In connection with general farming he is raising registered Hereford cattle and finds that branch of his business quite profitable.

In 1890 Mr. Hansen was united in marriage to Miss Ellen C. Petersen, a daughter of Eric Petersen, of Muskegon county, Michigan, where he had homesteaded and where he continued to reside until his death in 1915. She lost her mother when quite small. Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hansen two died in infancy, the others being Anna, Carrie, Ruth, Eric and Julius, all at home. They hold membership in St. Paul's Lutheran church, and Mr. Hansen is a republican in politics, taking a deep and commendable interest in public affairs.

PETER TORNELL.

Peter Tornell, who gained a competence through the operation of his farm in Armstrong Grove township and moved to Estherville in the spring of 1917, was born in Sweden in September, 1862. His parents, Olof and Carrie (Sundberg) Tornell, came with their family to America in 1865. The father became a landowner in Boone county, Iowa, and

followed agricultural pursuits there until his death in 1896. Five years later the mother passed away.

Mr. Tornell received his education in the public schools of Boone county, Iowa, but when fourteen years of age was compelled to begin providing for his own support. He worked as a farm hand for several years and later cultivated rented land in Webster county, Iowa, for three years in partnership with a brother. In 1891 he came to Emmet county and bought three hundred acres of fertile land on section 30, Armstrong Grove township, on which he resided with the exception of three years until his removal to Estherville. He took care to maintain everything about his place in good condition and followed such methods of cultivating the fields as would conserve the fertility of the soil. In the fall of 1916 he sold his agricultural implements and the greater part of his live stock and retired from farming in the spring of 1917.

Mr. Tornell was married in March, 1893, to Miss Lottie Gifford, by whom he has had six children: Leonard, who is twenty-three years old and is at home; Florence, who died in 1899, at the age of three years; Gladys, who is nineteen years old and is clerking in a store at Halfa; and Robert, seventeen; Harriett, thirteen; and Luella, eleven years old, all of whom are at home.

Mr. Tornell is a republican and for ten years has been the trustee of Armstrong Grove township and for a still longer period has served on the school board. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church and his salient qualities of character are such as commended him to the respect and esteem of all who know him.

GEORGE FELKEY.

George Felkey, who carried on agricultural pursuits in Armstrong Grove township, had a large acquaintance in Emmet county and his demise was deeply regretted. A native of Illinois, his birth occurred October 29, 1847, and he was a son of Daniel and Florinda Felkey, an account of whose lives appears in the sketch of H. J. Felkey elsewhere in this work.

George Felkey was reared under the parental roof and received his education in the schools of Illinois and Iowa, the family home having in the meantime been established in this state. After attaining his majority he rented land in Mitchell county, Iowa, for three years but in 1871 took up a homestead in Armstrong Grove township, Emmet county. In 1873 when there were but few settlers in this section he began carrying the mail from Algona to Swan Lake and was so employed for six years and nine months. He also took advantage of the tree claim act, thus acquiring title to another eighty acres, and subsequently bought forty acres, making his holdings in all two hundred and eighty acres. He brought all of his land under cultivation, erected substantial buildings and otherwise improved his place. He was at once energetic and progressive and

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it was but natural that he should meet with success. For a number of years he was a director of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company and was recognized as a man of business ability. He died after a long illness October 31, 1910, when sixty-three years of age.

In August, 1868, Mr. Felkey was married to Miss Mary Churchill, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Churchill, further mention of whom is made in the sketch of Charles S. Churchill elsewhere in this work. To Mr. and Mrs. Felkey were born eight children. Rose is the wife of F. M. Goldsberry, a farmer of Armstrong Grove township. Jesse J. is also a farmer of this township. John is a resident of Armstrong. Isabelle married Chris Peterson, a farmer of Lincoln township. Elmer, who is operating the home place, was married on the 14th of December, 1910, to Miss Addie Patterson, a daughter of John and Emma (Stewart) Patterson, of Kossuth county, Iowa, and has two children, Fay Leona and Ethel Fern. Mary is the wife of Chris M. Peterson, a farmer of Swan Lake township. Myrtle and Albert are both deceased. Mrs. Felkey still resides upon the home farm and has many warm friends throughout the county.

Mr. Felkey was an adherent of the republican party and held the offices of trustee and road supervisor. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian. Those who knew him intimately still hold his memory in honor, for he was a man of sterling worth and of many attractive personal qualities.

ANDREW OLSON.

Andrew Olson, a farmer of Jack Creek township, Emmet county, was born in Norway, May 7, 1847, a son of Ole and Anna Olson, who spent their entire lives in Norway, their native land. They had a family of seven children, six of whom are yet living.

Andrew Olson was reared and educated in Norway but came to America in 1870. He made his journey across the continent to Rock county, Wisconsin, where he secured employment as a farm hand, working there for six months. He afterward removed to Austin, Minnesota, where he resided for ten years and in 1882 he came to Iowa. Later he purchased his present farm, comprising eighty acres on section 5, Jack Creek township, and upon this place has since made his home, his time and attention being energetically given to the further development and improvement of his fields, from which he annually gathers good crops.

In 1877 Mr. Olson was married to Miss Ella Nelson, a native of Norway, who came to America in 1870 with her parents, Lars and Marie Nelson, both now deceased, the father having passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Olson, at the very advanced age of ninety-nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Olson have become the parents of eleven children: Anna M., the wife of Ole Berkland; Lewis O., now living in South Dakota;

Mary B., the wife of A. R. Hanson; Carrie A., the wife of Edward Holmes, a resident of Colorado; Ole O., living in Minnesota; James U., of South Dakota; Andrew, also of Minnesota; Martin E., who is living on a farm near Fenton; Christina, deceased; John, at home; and Christine, now a pupil in the high school at Estherville.

Mr. Olson votes with the republican party and has served as a trustee in his township and also as school director but prefers to leave office holding to others and concentrate his time and efforts upon his farm work. All that he possesses he has made since coming to America, for he arrived in this country empty handed, and that he is a successful agriculturist shows that his life has been well spent. Both Mr. and Mrs. Olson hold membership in the Lutheran church and the latter has been a member of the League for fourteen years. They enjoy the warm regard of all who know them and are numbered among the valued citizens of Jack Creek township.

CHARLES ROSENBERGER.

Charles Rosenberger, a prosperous farmer and influential citizen of Center township, Emmet county, claims Germany as the land of his birth, being born there June, 13, 1865. His parents were August and Kathrine (Untermann) Rosenberger, who spent their entire lives in Germany, and the father was a sea captain. In their family were four children of whom three are living. Like most boys living in Germany, Charles Rosenberger was given good educational advantages but later he believed he could better his financial condition by coming to America, and in 1881 he crossed the ocean and came direct to Iowa, first locating in Jackson ocunty, where he worked as a farm hand for a time. In 1892 he removed to Emmet county and purchased a farm on section 1, Center township, where he now owns two hundred and four acres of very valuable and productive land. He has made many improvements upon the tract and placed the land under a high state of cultivation, and in addition to general farming has also devoted considerable attention to the raising of stock of all kinds.

In 1892 Mr. Rosenberger was united in marriage to Miss Noemi Ahrens, also a native of Germany and a daughter of Paul and Amelia (Ingwersen) Ahrens, who were born in the fatherland and came to the United States in 1880, taking up their residence in Clinton county, Iowa. Mr. Ahrens, who is a shoemaker by trade, is now living in the state of Washington, but his wife passed away in 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberger have two children, August B., and Paul A., both at home.

Mrs. Rosenberger is a member of the Presbyterian church but Mr. Rosenberger is a Lutheran in religious faith. He is a stanch supporter of the republican party and is now serving as school director. He is a self-made man, for on coming to this country he was without capital,

and the success that he has achieved is due entirely to his persistent efforts, for he is industrious, enterprising and progressive, his business methods are thoroughly reliable, and he usually carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He has traveled quite extensively and has spent a year and a half in California.

OLE AANONSON.

Ole Aanonson, a resident farmer of Emmet county, has for more than a half century lived within its borders, so that its history is familiar to him from the period of its early development down to the days of modern progress. He is now engaged in farming on section 5, Jack Creek township, where he has an excellent property. He was born in Norway on the 15th of February, 1849, and is a son of Onond and Julia (Lewison) Christianson, who came to the United States in 1853. After two years spent in Dixon, Illinois, they removed to Iowa, settling first in Mitchell county, where they remained for a number of years, arriving in Emmet county in 1862. The father then homesteaded a quarter section of land in Swan Lake township but later there proved to be a flaw to his title and he received a deed for only eighty acres. He continued to reside upon that farm until his death, which occurred in 1884. His widow long survived him and passed away in 1902.

Ole Aanonson was but four years of age at the time of the arrival of his parents in the new world. His education was acquired in the common schools of Iowa and after reaching young manhood he worked with his father upon the old homestead and also as a farm hand in the neighborhood, but at length he determined to start out in the business world on his own account and he also made arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage on the 19th of November, 1880, to Miss Sarah Peterson, also a native of Norway, whence she came to the United States in the year of their marriage. In the spring of 1880 Mr. Aanonson purchased eighty acres of his present home farm. Upon that place he has since continued and in subsequent years he has added forty acres to his original holdings, so that he now has an excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres which in its neat and thrifty appearance indicates the continuous care and labor which he has bestowed upon it. He has most carefully, persistently and wisely tilled his fields and everything about his place indicates his careful supervision and progressive effort.

To Mr. and Mrs. Aanonson have been born nine children, seven of whom survive, as follows: Julia, the wife of A. Stueland, of Estherville, Iowa; Onon, who follows farming in Swan Lake township; Anna, who is the wife of D. W. Lucas, of Estherville, Iowa; John, an agriculturist of Swan Lake township; Helen, who gave her hand in marriage to Vern Haines, of Estherville, Iowa; Peter, who cultivates the home farm; and Halvor, an agriculturist of Swan Lake township, Emmet county.

In politics Mr. Aanonson is a republican, having supported that party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has served as township trustee and for several years was a member of the school board. He belongs to the Norwegian Lutheran church and he is one of the well known and valued pioneer settlers of the county, with the history of which he is thoroughly familiar, his memory forming a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present.

LOUIS STOLTENBERG.

Louis Stoltenberg, president of the German Savings Bank of Lake Park, occupies an enviable position in business circles of Dickinson county and has been an important factor in the commercial and agricultural development of this section of the state. A native of Iowa, he was born in Scott county, December 14, 1863, and is a son of Hans and Louisa (Wiese) Stoltenberg, who came to this country from Germany at an early day and settled in Scott county, Iowa. The father purchased a farm in Blue Grass township and engaged in its operation for many years, finally passing away there in 1912. The mother died in 1872. Of the eight children born to them seven are still living.

Reared on the home farm in Scott county, Louis Stoltenberg began his education in the district schools near his home and later attended a business college at Davenport, thus acquiring a good practical education. In 1884 he came to Dickinson county and here he has since made his home. During the first season he broke prairie and put under cultivation some of his father's land in Minnesota, which he later purchased. For one year he clerked in a store at Lake Park and then turned his attention to the grain business for seventeen years, during which time he met with excellent success. Mr. Stoltenberg has purchased land from time to time as his financial resources have increased until he now owns eighteen hundred acres of very valuable land, all improved and under cultivation. In 1901 he became one of the organizers of the German Savings Bank at Lake Park and has since served as its president. He is also vice president of the State Bank of Round Lake, which was organized in 1906, and is quite prominent in financial circles.

In 1894 Mr. Stoltenberg was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Denkmann, also a native of Scott county, Iowa, and a daughter of Frederick and Wilhelmina Denkmann. By this union two children have been born, namely: Walter F., who is a graduate of the high school of Lake Park and also a commercial college; and Arnold H., who is now attending commercial college.

Mr. and Mrs. Stoltenberg are members of the Lutheran church and he is a stanch supporter of the republican party but has never taken an active or prominent part in political affairs, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests. As the years have gone by he has

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steadily prospered for he is a man of sound judgment and good executive ability, usually being able to carry forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken.

D. A. DANIELS.

D. A. Daniels, one of the foremost citizens of Lloyd township, Dickinson county, who owns and operates a fine farm on section 28, claims Pennsylvania as his native state, his birth occurring in Crawford county, September 5, 1856. His parents were Henry and Mary (Reynolds) Daniels. The mother died in Pennsylvania and about 1870 the father, with his family of six children, came west to Iowa, locating in Webster county, where he purchased a farm and continued to reside until his death in 1890.

In the Keystone state D. A. Daniels passed the first fourteen years of his life and then accompanied the family on their removal to Iowa. During his boyhood he received a good common school education and after putting aside his textbooks engaged in farming in Webster county. There he was married in February, 1894, the lady of his choice being Miss Betsie Daniels, of Webster county. The following month he brought his bride to Dickinson county and located upon his present farm on section 28, Lloyd township, which he had purchased the fall previous to his removal. The place, which comprises one hundred and sixty acres, is one of the productive farms in the county, and its neat and thrifty appearance plainly indicates the care and labor he bestows upon it.

To Mr. and Mrs. Daniels have been born five children: Ursula, Warren G., Hazel A., Everett A. and Noel D., all at home with their parents. Mrs. Daniels is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is a most estimable lady. Since attaining his majority Mr. Daniels has affiliated with the republican party and he has been called upon to serve as township trustee several years and also as a member of the school board. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a stockholder in the Terril Savings Bank and is one of the leading citizens of his community, taking an active and commendable interest in public affairs. He never withholds his support from any enterprise which he believes will prove of public benefit.

CHARLES CHRISTIAN.

The wealth of Emmet county consists largely of its productive and finely improved farms and its prosperity depends more largely upon the farmers than upon any other class of people. Among the most progressive and successful agriculturists of Jack Creek township is Charles

Christian, a native of La Salle county, Illinois. He was born on the 2d of February, 1862, a son of Thomas and Hellen (Rasmussen) Christian, who were born in Norway. On emigrating to America both located in Illinois, where their marriage occurred. From La Salle county they went to Livingston county, that state, whence they later removed to Cass county, Iowa. There the father died but the mother is now living in Ada, Minnesota.

Charles Christian is one of five living children of a family of nine and his education was that afforded in the public schools of Illinois. When twenty-two years of age he left home and went to South Dakota but after spending a year in that state returned to Cass county, Iowa, where he worked on a farm for two years. The succeeding three years were devoted to the cultivation of rented land in that county. In the spring of 1901 he came to Emmet county and bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 6, Jack Creek township, to the development of which he has since devoted his energies. He has erected fine buildings upon the place and has otherwise improved it and his hard work and good management have led to the accumulation of a competence.

In 1892 Mr. Christian was united in marriage to Miss Christina Paulson, who was born in Minnesota, and they have nine children, Gilbert T., Hazel A., Tomena G., Carl C., Anna D., Melvin R., Milford J., Edward L. and Agnes J.

Mr. Christian supports the republican party at the polls and is now serving his third year as township assessor and is also township trustee. His interest in the schools is indicated by the fact that he is serving upon the board of school directors. Both he and his wife are identified with the Lutheran church and in their daily lives practice the teachings of Christianity.

W. G. GORDON.

One of the valuable and highly improved farms of Emmet county is the property of W. G. Gordon and comprises two hundred and eighty-one acres on section 33, Center township, on which he took up his abode in 1915. He was born in Forest county, Pennsylvania, May 23, 1870, his parents being Alexander and Mary (McBride) Gordon, both of whom were natives of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. There they were married and later they became residents of Elkhart county, Indiana. They had a family of eight children, of whom six are now living. In the year 1882 the father came to Emmet county, Iowa, which was then largely an unsettled and unimproved district, and purchased a large tract of land at four dollars per acre. He afterward gave to his son, W. G. Gordon, part of the farm which he now owns. He died at Elkhart, Indiana, in August, 1904.

W. G. Gordon was reared in the Hoosier state and completed his edu-

cation at Notre Dame University. He lived with his parents until he reached adult age and then removed to Oregon, settling near Medford. For seven years he devoted his time and attention to the developmnt of a fruit farm in that district and was quite successful in its conduct. In 1915 he came to Iowa and established his home in Emmet county upon the farm on section 33, Center township, where he now resides. This is an excellent tract of land, naturally rich and productive, and the fields respond readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon them. The farm methods which he employs are most progressive and in all that he undertakes he is systematic and persistent.

In 1894 Mr. Gordon was united in marriage to Miss Florence Throop, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Samuel B. and Helen F. (Evans) Throop. The father is a native of Canada and the mother of Indiana and they are still living in the Hoosier state. They became parents of three children, all of whom survive. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon have a daughter and son, Margaret H., and Howard T.

Mr. Gordon is a stalwart champion of republican principles but has never been an office seeker. He belongs to the Masonic lodge at Celina, Ohio, and he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star. They also attend the Presbyterian church and their genuine worth entitles them to the high regard in which they are uniformly held. While residents of Emmet county for but a brief period, they have already become quite widely known and their circle of friends is constantly increasing as their circle of acquaintance broadens. Mr. Gordon has proven himself a capable business man and his genuine worth is seen in many other ways.

RANSOM R. WILLCOX.

Ransom R. Willcox, deceased, came to Dickinson county in 1863 and for a third of a century was identified with the upbuilding and development of this section of the state. He was born in Sherbrooke, Canada, June 25, 1826, and was a son of Joseph and Sophia (Blodgett) Willcox. The father was born on the ocean while his parents were coming to the new world, and the mother was a native of England. They became residents of Canada, where Mr. Willcox followed farming until his death, which occurred in 1839. He served as captain of militia in Canada for a time. His widow afterward came to Dickinson county, Iowa, and here died in 1882.

During his boyhood and youth Ransom R. Willcox attended school in Canada and also began the study of medicine, but never completed the course and finally turned his attention to mechanical pursuits, becoming a bridge contractor and millwright. On leaving the Dominion he went to New York and later to Illinois, where during the Civil war he enlisted at Durand in Company C, Fifty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. While in the service he was taken ill and sent home to die, but

eventually recovered and in 1863 came to Dickinson county, Iowa. Here he built all the early bridges and also many in Emmet county, some of which are now being replaced by cement structures. He also erected the first mill at Milford and built all the early schoolhouses in Dickinson county. Later he purchased a farm in Okoboji township and operated the same for many years, but in 1897 removed to Sanborn, Iowa, where he passed away May 29, 1908, when almost eighty-two years of age, honored and respected by all who knew him.

In December, 1865, Mr. Willcox married Miss Sarah C. Meeker, a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Gaylord) Meeker, natives of Vermont and New York respectively. Her father was also a mechanic, working at the millwright's trade in connection with farming. He came to Dickinson county, Iowa, in 1861, and took up a homestead near Milford, whereon he died October 10, 1889. His wife had passed away in 1860. To Mr. and Mrs. Willcox were born nine children, of whom Ransom Err, O. B., Henry, William, Ed, Guy and Sadie are still living. Charles was killed in an automobile accident in August, 1915, and Kittie died in 1886. Mr. Willcox was three times married and by the first union had two children: Emma, the wife of M. F. Doolittle; and Mina, the wife of A. L. Corkins. There were also two children by the second marriage, namely: J. A. Willcox, of Redmond, Oregon; and Err, deceased. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Sarah Willcox has returned to Milford, where she now makes her home.

Mr. Willcox voted with the republican party and held office continuously during his residence in Dickinson county, serving as justice of the peace for twenty-two years. He was also a school director and filled other positions of honor and trust. He was a member of Waller Post, G. A. R., of Milford, and was also a consistent member of the Methodist church, in the faith of which he died.

HENRY KRUSE.

Henry Kruse, interested in general farming on section 7, Center township, Emmet county, was born in Germany on the 13th of November, 1846, a son of Fred and Bendena Kruse, who were also natives of that country. In 1866 they left the fatherland and started for the new world but the mother died while on the ocean and was buried at sea. The father continued the journey with his children and they were seven weeks on the ocean on a sailing vessel. Eventually he took up his abode upon a farm in Ogle county, Illinois, where his death occurred a year later.

Henry Kruse is the only survivor of a family of five children. He was reared and educated in Germany, being twenty years of age at the time of the emigration of the family to the new world. He was employed as a common laborer in this country for about a decade and in 1876 began farming on his own account in Grundy county, Iowa, where he rented land

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for two years. During that period he carefully saved his earnings and was thus able to purchase a farm in Grundy county, which he continued to own, occupy and cultivate until 1895. He then sold out and removed to Emmet county, where he purchased two hundred and ten acres of section 5, which he sold, and then bought his present eighty acres on section 7, Center township. The soil is naturally rich and productive and responds readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon it. He has improved the place with fine buildings and through the careful conduct of his business affairs has become one of the prosperous citizens of the community.

In 1878 Mr. Kruse was united in marriage to Miss Ida Smith, who was born in Ogle county, Illinois, a daughter of Thomas and Eliza (Dubert) Smith, the former a native of Canada and the latter of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Kruse have become the parents of eleven children: Fred P., born February 14, 1879; Effie E., who was born March 12, 1881, and is the wife of Orlando Anderson, of Brookings, South Dakota; Etta E., who was born April 4, 1883, and died December 16, 1886; Roy E., who was born September 20, 1885, and died November 8, 1887; Elmer E., who was born June 8, 1887, and died September 4, 1916; Guy, who was born July 15, 1889, and is now in South Dakota; Otto Leo, born October 4, 1891; Mattie Izetta, born May 27, 1893; Earl Smith, born March 7, 1895; Ray, who was born April 15, 1897, and passed away in 1898; and Henry A., born July 16, 1901.

Mr. Kruse votes with the republican party, which he has supported since becoming a naturalized American citizen. He has served on the school board and is interested in all matters pertaining to the general welfare. He may indeed be called a self-made man and deserves all the credit which that term implies, for he had only five cents when he landed in New York City and since that time has made a substantial fortune through honorable methods, being now one of the men of affluence in Center township.

R. W. RAEBEL.

Business enterprise at Montgomery finds a substantial representative in R. W. Raebel, who is conducting a thoroughly modern and up-to-date general store, while his business methods have gained for him a liberal and well deserved patronage. He was born in Germany, May 10, 1880, a son of Edward and Wilhelmina Raebel, both of whom were natives of Germany, where they remained through the period of childhood and youth. In 1883 they came to the United States and first settled in La Salle county, Illinois, whence they removed to Iowa in 1894. Their remaining days were passed in this state and here they reared their family, numbering five children, three of whom yet survive.

R. W. Raebel was a youth of fourteen when he came to Iowa and his early education, acquired in Illinois, was supplemented by further

study in the common schools of this state and in a business college. He spent a year upon the road after putting aside his textbooks and later went to Omaha, Nebraska, where he worked for a year, traveling for a commercial college. Later he was employed in a drug store in Audubon county for two years and afterward was deputy treasurer in that county for a similar length of time. He also spent a year as a newspaper reporter, at the end of which time he came to Montgomery and embarked in merchandising, making investment of the capital which he had saved from his earnings and which was the evidence of his industry and economy. He is now conducting a general store which is well equipped and appointed. He carries an attractive line of goods and his reasonable prices and honorable dealing are features in his growing success.

In 1912 Mr. Raebel was united in marriage to Miss Esther White, a native of Wapello county, Iowa. In 1915 Mr. Raebel was appointed postmaster of Montgomery. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which he takes active and helpful part, serving as one of its trustees and also as superintendent of the Sunday school.

NELS P. NELSEN.

One of the finest farms in Denmark township, Emmet county, is owned by Nels P. Nelsen, a native of Denmark and characterized by the sterling qualities which have enabled the men of his race to make so creditable a place for themselves in America. He was born on the 1st of June, 1850, and is a son of Nels and Mary (Clouson) Olsen, who passed away upon the home farm in Denmark.

Nels P. Nelsen, who is one of a family of ten children, received his education in his native country and remained there until he attained his majority. He then emigrated to the United States and after living in Clifton, Illinois, for four months was for a year and a half a resident of Chicago and later lived in Springfield, that state, for two years. He next spent two years in New York city and was then again a resident of Chicago for a year. Upon leaving that city he purchased a farm near Clifton, Illinois, but a year later disposed of that place and turned his attention to blacksmithing, which he followed there for a year. For a third time he located in Chicago and after working for the Pullman Car Company for a period he conducted a blacksmith shop in Roseland, now a part of Chicago, for four years. After selling that business he came to Emmet county, Iowa, and moved on the northeast quarter of section 14, Denmark township, which he had purchased four years before, or in 1880. He has since lived on that place and during the three decades intervening has brought it to a high state of development, sparing no expense nor labor that would increase its productiveness or its attractiveness as a place of residence. He also owns the east half of

the southeast quarter of section 13 and for twelve years was president of the Denmark Coöperative Creamery.

On the 1st of December, 1880, in Hyde Park, Chicago, occurred the marriage of Mr. Nelsen and Miss Tomina Andersen, whose parents, G. P. and Christina Andersen, were natives of Denmark, but lived for a number of years in this country. They made their home with Mr. and Mrs. Nelsen in Chicago until 1882, when they came to Denmark township, where they passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Nelsen were born six children: Martin M., of Ringsted; Mary, the deceased wife of Hans Christiansen, of Denmark township; Christina, the wife of Andrew Hansen, of Tyler, Minnesota; J. P., a partner of Chris Andersen in the hardware and implement business in Ringsted; and Lena and Minnus, both of whom died in infancy. The wife and mother passed away on the 2nd of March, 1892, and is buried in St. John's cemetery. She was a member of St. John's church and was a woman of many fine qualities of heart and mind. On the 10th of February, 1893, Mr. Nelsen was married in Denmark, where he had gone on a visit, to Miss Johanna Mikkelsen, whose parents were lifelong residents of that country. In 1893 Mr. Nelsen returned to America with his wife and they have become the parents of five children, Lawrence, Marius, Alma, Tomina and Alvilva, all at home.

Mr. Nelsen is a stanch democrat and has served as township assessor and as township trustee. His interest in the welfare of the schools is indicated in the fact that he was at one time school director and his concern for the moral obligations of life is manifest in his membership in St. John's Danish Lutheran church, of which he was formerly trustee and foreman. He had no unusual advantages but realized that energy, good management and perseverance would enable him to gain success and through making the most of the opportunities that were his has won a substantial competence.

WILLIAM H. HAYS.

William H. Hays, farming on section 14, Center township, Emmet county, was born in Stephenson county, Illinois, on the 11th of September, 1868, his parents being Mathias and Elizabeth Hays, who were natives of Indiana and Ohio respectively. The father followed the occupation of farming in order to provide for his family, consisting of his wife and four children, and in the spring of 1869 he removed from Illinois to Dallas county, Iowa, where he purchased land.

William H. Hays was at that time an infant of but six months. His youthful days were spent upon the home farm and he continued to attend the district schools of the neighborhood until he had reached the age of eighteen. He then concentrated his efforts upon farm work, assisting his father until he reached the age of twenty-six, when he

started out in life independently upon a rented farm in Union county, Iowa, where he remained for eight years. He afterward rented land in Dallas county for a decade and in 1913 came to Emmet county, where he purchased the north half of the northeast quarter of section 14, Center township, upon which he is now living. His farm of one hundred acres is a highly cultivated tract and the land, naturally rich and productive, responds readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon it. He manifests diligence and determination in his business affairs and his indefatigable energy is one of the basic elements of his growing success.

On the 8th of September, 1894, Mr. Hays was united in marriage to Miss Lettie E. Stevens, a daughter of Thomas and Nancy Stevens, formerly of Dallas county, Iowa, who now rest side by side in the Masonic cemetery at Dallas Center. Mr. and Mrs. Hays have one son, Elbert H., at home. Mr. Hays is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America at Gruver and his political support is given to the republican party, but he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He and his wife hold membership in the Christian church and are highly esteemed wherever known, their sterling characteristics gaining for them the warm regard of all with whom they have been brought in contact.

WILLIAM STUART.

One of the most prominent and influential citizens of Armstrong is William Stuart, who has taken a very active part in the development of the town and has also borne a prominent part in public affairs. He was born in Ireland, January 10, 1851, and is a son of Alexander and Margaret (Ellis) Stuart, both natives of Ireland, though the father was of Scotch descent and the mother of English. In that country the former died and in 1857 Mrs. Stuart crossed the Atlantic with her family and located in Canada. Later she removed to Michigan, where her death occurred in 1876. In the family were eight children, six sons and two daughters, of whom four still survive.

William Stuart was practically reared and educated in Canada where he attended both the common and high schools. In 1864 he went to Fulton, Illinois, where he learned the blacksmith's trade and continued to work at the same for some years. In 1879 he removed to Grundy county, Iowa, where he was also engaged in blacksmithing and wagon making for a time but later engaged in the implement business. Since 1892 he has been a resident of Armstrong and on locating here embarked in the banking business, becoming identified with what is now known as the First National Bank, of which he is still vice president and one of the directors. This institution was organized as a national bank in 1901 and is regarded as one of the leading banks of this section of the state. Mr. Stuart is also president of the Armstrong Cement & Tile Company, which was

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organized about 1910, and is the owner of four hundred and thirty-two acres of land, and also a third interest in one thousand, six hundred and thirteen acres, all in Emmet county, and all improved and under excellent cultivation. Besides the property already mentioned he owns a fine residence in Armstrong.

In 1882 Mr. Stuart was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Dunn, a native of Rock county, Wisconsin, and a daughter of Jacob and Maria (Dockstadter) Dunn, who were born in New York state but at an early day removed to Wisconsin and later to Iowa. Both are now deceased and of their eight children two have also passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Stuart have four children, namely: Grace M., now the wife of Dr. J. B. Knipe; Alta, the wife of O. Z. Burkhead, of Idaho; Hazel, the wife of Howard Smith; and Mildred, who is now attending high school in Armstrong.

Mr. Stuart is a member of Armstrong Lodge, No. 335, A. F. & A. M., in which he has filled all the chairs, and he also belongs to the Eastern Star Chapter. The republican party finds in him a stanch supporter of its principles, and he has been elected to represent the ninety-sixth district in the state legislature. He is now serving his second term as president of the school board and has also filled the office of supervisor for three years. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is one of the trustees. He has borne a prominent part in the development of his locality and his influence is always found on the side of right and order. In business circles he occupies an important position, and in all the relations of life he has been found true to every trust reposed in him.

JAMES D. WEIR.

For half a century James D. Weir has now witnessed the development and upbuilding of Emmet county and in its progress he has borne an important part since reaching man's estate. He is now successfully engaged in the hardware, implement and live stock business in Huntington, being the senior member of the firm of J. D. Weir & Son, and has built up an excellent trade along those lines.

Mr. Weir was born in Quebec, Canada, on the 3d of August, 1863, and is a son of David and Christine (Richmond) Weir, natives of Scotland. On coming to the new world they first located in Canada, but afterward came to the United States, becoming residents of Emmet county, Iowa, in 1867. The father purchased a farm in Armstrong Grove township, which he operated for eight years, and then removed to Emmet township, buying one hundred and sixty acres of land near Eagle Lake, whereon he followed farming for fourteen years. At the end of that time he retired from active labor and took up his abode in Estherville, where he was living when called to his final rest on Christmas Day, 1900. His wife had died in June of that year and both were

interred in Oak Hill cemetery. To them were born nine children, of whom seven survive, namely: William and George, both residents of Emmet township; James D., of this review; Henry, of Martin county, Minnesota; Robert, of Otis, Colorado; Valentine, of Sterling, Colorado; and Matthew, of Alberta, Canada.

James D. Weir was only four years of age when brought by his parents to Emmet county, where he attended the district schools and assisted his father in the farm work until he attained his majority. During the following three years he engaged in farming in Texas and on his return north located in Martin county, Minnesota, where he rented land and followed farming for eight years. In 1900 he became a resident of Huntington, where he built a hardware and implement establishment, and has since carried on business along those lines, at the same time shipping stock quite extensively. He owns one hundred and forty acres of land on the outskirts of the village and all vacant lots within the limits of Huntington, having purchased the remainder of the town site the year after locating there. His son Roy is now a member of the firm, which is doing business under the name of J. D. Weir & Son.

In 1887 Mr. Weir was united in marriage to Miss Libbie M. Wade, a daughter of Elisha and Othelia Wade, of Jackson county, Minnesota, who are now deceased and are buried in Oak Hill cemetery of Estherville. Mr. and Mrs. Weir have six children: Roy, who is married and is engaged in business with his father; Rene, the wife of Elmer Chambers of Emmet township; Ruby, the wife of Russel Heneman, of Estherville; and Richard, Rose and Ray, all at home.

The family attend the Presyterian church, of which Mr. and Mrs. Weir are members, and he is past venerable consul of the camp of Modern Woodmen of America, to which he belongs. The democratic party finds in him a stanch supporter of its principles and he is now efficiently serving as county supervisor. He has also filled the offices of school director and town trustee and has always been found true to any trust reposed in him. As a business man he stands high in the community and he well merits the success that has come to him for he started out in life for himself with no capital and his prosperity is due to his own industry, enterprise and good management.

CARL ANDERSON.

Carl Anderson, of Emmet township, Emmet county, who has won gratifying success in his chosen occupation of farming and stock raising, was born in Sweden, February 10, 1858. His parents, Andrew and Anna (Anderson) Anderson, were also natives of that country and lived there during their entire lives. Four of their nine children still survive.

Carl Anderson remained in Sweden until his early manhood and is

indebted for his education to the schools of that country. It was in 1881 that he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and for five years thereafter he rented land in Emmet county, Iowa, at the end of which time his financial circumstances permitted him to buy eighty acres of land, to which a few years later he added a similar tract by purchase. His holdings now comprise three hundred and eighty-five acres, all on section 25, Emmet township, and the value of his farm has been much increased by the excellent improvements thereon. The buildings are substantial and modern in design and there is also a fine grove which he planted himself. He makes a specialty of raising Duroc-Jersey hogs, finding it more profitable to feed his grain than to sell it.

In 1881 Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Anna Johnson, who was born in Sweden and is a daughter of John and Mary (Larson) Johnson, who lived and died in that country. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, namely: Augustine; Mary C., the wife of Henry Hoganson; Johanna, the wife of George Bartleman, now residing in Minnesota; Gust, at home; Nora, the wife of Ralph Smith, and Nettie, deceased.

Mr. Anderson is a stanch adherent of the republican party and the interest which he takes in matters pertaining to the general welfare is indicated by the fact that he has served as a member of the school board. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Lutheran church and its work receives their hearty support. The prosperity which is now his should be doubly a source of gratification to him as it is the direct result of his own hard work and habits of thrift.

O. F. LINDQUIST.

O. F. Lindquist, general manager of the Consumers' Independent Lumber Company, is now efficiently serving as mayor of Spirit Lake and never were the reins of city government in more capable hands. He was born in Grundy county, Iowa, on the 12th of January, 1879, and is a son of Julius and Mary (Larson) Lindquist, both natives of Denmark. They had reached manhood and womanhood before coming to the United States and were married in Cedar Falls, Black Hawk county, Iowa. For a number of years the father engaged in farming in that county and in Grundy county, Iowa, but in 1886 came to Dickinson county and purchased a farm four miles northeast of Spirit Lake in Spirit Lake township, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted his eneregies until his retirement from active labor in 1910. He then removed to Spirit Lake, where he passed away two years later. He is still survived by his wife, who now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Adrian Hurd, in this city.

During his boyhood O. F. Lindquist attended the district school near his home and aided in the work of the farm. In the spring of 1900, just

after attaining his majority, he came to Spirit Lake and began his business career by accepting a position in a butcher shop, where he was employed that summer. In the following fall he became connected with the lumberyard, of which he is now general manager. For about four years he worked as yard man but in 1904 was placed in charge of the business, over which he has since so successfully presided, and he is also auditor for the company for this part of the state.

On the 16th of October, 1901, Mr. Lindquist was united in marriage to Miss Lydia O. Arp, of Spirit Lake, a daughter of Peter Arp, who for many years was prominent as a boat builder in this city but is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Lindquist are active and prominent members of the Presbyterian church, and, possessing a good voice, Mr. Lindquist has sung in the choir for about twenty-three years. He is also an honored member of Twilight Lodge, No. 329, A. F. & A. M.; Royal Arch Chapter, R. A. M., of Spirit Lake, Esdraelon Commandery, No. 52, K. T., of Estherville; and Summit Lodge, No. 86, K. P., of Spirit Lake. The republican party has always found in him a stanch supporter of its principles and he has been honored with important official positions, the duties of which he has always faithfully and conscientiously performed. For four years he served on the town council of Spirit Lake and in the spring of 1916 was elected mayor, in which capacity he is now serving with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. He is a wide-awake, energetic business man, progressive and public-spirited, and never withholds his support from any enterprise which he believes will promote the public welfare.

B. P. HENDERSON.

B. P. Henderson, who owns the Forest Hill farm in Milford township and is one of the leading farmers and stock raisers in Dickinson county, was born in Pecatonica, Illinois, June 5, 1858. His parents, Zina and Mary Ann (Strong) Henderson, were both born in New York state, where they were reared, but were married in Illinois. The father enlisted in the Twelfth Illinois Volunteer Cavalry and saw active service in the Civil war until he was disabled by the kick of a horse in 1862. He was then honorably discharged and returned home. In the fall of 1863, when he had recovered from his injury, he homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land in Center Grove township, Dickinson county, Iowa, and the following year the family removed here by wagon. He cleared his land and built a log house, which remained the family home for some time. Later, however, substantial and attractive buildings were erected upon the place and it was otherwise improved. For the first seven years of his residence here the father tilled the soil with cattle as he did not have sufficient capital to purchase horses or even oxen. While a resident of Illinois he followed the gunsmith's and blacksmith's trades and after his sons grew old

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enough to operate the homestead in Dickinson county he worked at those trades at Okoboji. In politics he was a democrat and his advice was listened to with great respect in local political circles. He served as county supervisor and as justice of the peace and in both those capacities made a record creditable alike to his ability and integrity. His fraternal connection was with the Masonic order. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried in the Okoboji cemetery. They were the parents of six children who are still living, four of the number being residents of Dickinson county.

B. P. Henderson was brought to this county in early childhood and received his education in its pioneer schools. For some time after putting aside his textbooks he aided his brothers in the operation of the home farm but subsequently purchased the east half of section 5, in Milford township, where he has since resided. He has brought the place to a high state of cultivation and the improvements thereon are among the finest to be found in his part of the county. He grows some grain but gives a great deal of his attention to the raising of registered stock and is recognized as an important factor in the development of the stock raising interests of the county. He is at once practical and progressive in all that he does and the success which he has gained is due solely to his own ability and enterprise as he began his independent career empty handed. He has given his place the name of the Forest Hill farm and has spared no expense in making it a model property.

Mr. Henderson was married in 1888 to Miss Lettie Bingham, a daughter of Joseph and Hannah Bingham, natives respectively of Maine and New York. However, they were numbered among the early settlers of Dickinson county, where both lived until death, and they are buried in the Spirit Lake cemetery.

Mr. Henderson supports the republican party where national issues are at stake but otherwise votes independently. For one term he served as township trustee and has never failed to take an active interest in public affairs. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias of Milford. Practically his entire life has been passed in Dickinson county and his genuine worth is indicated by the fact that those who have been intimately acquainted with him since boyhood are his stanchest friends.

F. E. HENDERSON.

F. E. Henderson, who follows farming on section 29, Center Grove township, is one of the honored pioneers of Dickinson county, where he has now made his home since 1864. He was born in Boone county, Illinois, on the 20th of July, 1853, his parents being Zina and Mary (Strong) Henderson, who were natives of New York state but at an early day removed to Illinois and in 1864 came to Iowa, locating in Dickinson county. Here the father took up a homestead and erected a log cabin, in which the

family lived for ten or twelve years, while he broke his land and began the development of his farm. Upon that place both he and his wife died. In their family were seven children, of whom six are still living.

Amid pioneer scenes F. E. Henderson grew to manhood and in the acquirement of an education he attended the district schools of Dickinson county. He aided in the arduous task of transforming the wild land into productive fields and on attaining his majority took charge of the old homestead. Later he purchased the same and is now the owner of two hundred and sixty-seven acres of land on section 29, Center Grove township. He has made many improvements on the place since it came into his possession and has successfully engaged in general farming.

In 1902 Mr. Henderson married Miss Verda Murray, who was born in Dickinson county and is a daughter of W. W. Murray, now living with other daughters in the state of Washington. Her mother is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson have two children: Mabel and Frank Murray, who are now attending high school at Arnolds Park. The family are members of the Friends church and are most estimable people, whose circle of friends is almost coextensive with their circle of acquaintances. Mr. Henderson affiliates with the republican party and has served as township trustee one term and as a member of the school board for a number of years.

HENRY U. ARTHUR.

Prominent among the representative farmers and stock raisers of Dickinson county is Henry U. Arthur, the senior member of the firm of H. U. Arthur & Sons, proprietors of Arthurs Homestead Stock & Seed Farm on section 11, Center Grove township. He was born in New York state on the 19th of March, 1856, a son of Homer D. and Lucy (Payne) Arthur, who were also natives of New York, the former born in Martinsburg and the latter in Constableville. In 1857 the family removed to Wisconsin and two years later came to Dickinson county, Iowa, where Homer D. Arthur filed on the homestead now owned and occupied by his son Henry. Here the father died on the 26th of February, 1909, and the mother passed away June 17, 1889.

Being only three years of age when the family came to Dickinson county, Henry U. Arthur passed his boyhood and youth on the farm where he now resides and acquired his education in the district schools of the neighborhood. On the 29th of January, 1881, he was united in marriage to Miss Ellie A. Abbott, also a native of the Empire state and a daughter of Charles E. Abbott, who came west in pioneer days and after a period spent in Wisconsin proceeded to Dickinson county, Iowa, in 1869, being one of the well known homesteaders of Center Grove township. To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur have been born four children: Edith J., now the wife of J. W. Kilpatrick, of Spencer, Iowa; Charles H. and

Edwin D., who are in business with their father under the name of H. U. Arthur & Sons; and Janet L., a teacher in the district schools of Dickinson county.

For about thirteen years after his marriage Mr. Arthur resided in Spirit Lake, where he was variously employed, but in 1894 he purchased the old homestead farm where his father had located in 1859 and here he has since carried on operations. In 1908 the firm of H. U. Arthur & Sons was organized and has since gained an enviable reputation as breeders of registered Percheron horses, shorthorn cattle, Poland China hogs and fancy poultry. They are also recognized authorities in the production of farm seeds and have three times made exhibits at the State Fair, gaining a wide reputation on their various specialties. Their farm is beautifully located on section 11, Center Grove township, bordering on East Okoboji Lake, one of the most famous summer resorts of the middle west. The junior members of the firm are both married and occupy modern establishments of their own adjacent to the home place. The firm has built up an extensive business, breeding stock on a large scale and raising grain for seed. They make shipments to all parts of the country and enjoy an enviable reputation in their line.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Arthur are representatives of old New York families of Revolutionary stock and Mrs. Arthur and daughter Janet L. are members of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The family are also connected with the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Arthur is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, while both he and his son Edwin belong to the American Yeomen. In politics he affiliates with the republican party, but has never had the time nor inclination for public office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his extensive business interests. At the present time he and his sons are numbered among the foremost stock breeders of the middle west.

HENRY L. SUNDE.

On the list of Emmet county's substantial citizens who have passed away appears the name of Henry L. Sunde, who for a considerable period was a worthy and valued resident of this section of the state. He was born in Norway, June 20, 1867, and is a son of Lars and Engebor Sunde, both of whom were natives of the land of the midnight sun, where their entire lives were passed. There they reared a family of five children, but only two are now living.

Henry L. Sunde was reared and educated in Norway and in 1892 came to America, then a young man of twenty-five years. He had heard many favorable reports concerning business conditions and opportunities in the new world and he believed that he might better his financial condition on this side the Atlantic. Accordingly the long sea voyage was made and Emmet county gained a substantial citizen. Following his arri-

val here he purchased land on section 15, Ellsworth township, and at once began the active work of further developing and improving his farm, upon which he lived until called to his final rest.

In 1899 Mr. Sunde was married to Miss Julia Gure Lowik, a native of Norway and a daughter of Odd and Christina Lowik, who were also born in the land of the midnight sun, where the father still makes his home, although the mother has now passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Sunde became the parents of eight children: Laurence, Oscar, Karl, Christina, Clara, Henry, Emma and Selma. The family circle was broken by the hand of death when in May, 1913, the husband and father was called to the home beyond, leaving behind him a large circle of warm friends to mourn his loss as well as his immediate family. During the period of his residence in Emmet county he had displayed many substantial qualities that gained for him the kindly regard and genuine respect of those who knew him. He belonged to the Lutheran church, in which Mrs. Sunde still holds membership. She yet owns and occupies the old home farm which was left to her by her husband and, like him, she is widely and favorably known in this section of the state.

ALEXANDER W. PERCIVAL.

Alexander W. Percival, who is engaged in the real estate business and in stock buying at Montgomery, Dickinson county, was born in Ireland, September 20, 1876. His parents, R. J. and Elizabeth Percival, removed from the Emerald isle to the United States with their family in 1882, and settled in Black Hawk county, Iowa, but in 1892 came to Dickinson county and took up their residence.

Alexander W. Percival, who is one of a family of five children, all of whom survive, was but a child at the time of the emigration of the family to the new world and received his education in the schools of Black Hawk county, Iowa. On beginning his independent career he turned his attention to the stock business but in 1907 bought out an implement and hardware store at Montgomery which he conducted until 1916, building it up until it was the foremost business enterprise in Montgomery. In that year he disposed of the business and has since been engaged in the real estate business and in buying and selling stock, handling about fifty carloads of hogs a year. He makes a careful study of the market, is an excellent judge of stock and derives a gratifying profit from his operations in that field. He also receives a good financial return from his land holdings, which comprise one hundred and twenty acres in Dickinson county and one hundred acres in Hamilton county, all of which is well improved. His Dickinson county farm is especially valuable as it lies within the limits of the town of Montgomery.

Mr. Percival was married in 1907 to Miss Mary Gilfillan, a native of Minnesota, and they have three children, Clayton G., Kenneth and Mil-

dred C. The family attends the Methodist Episcopal church and fraternally Mr. Percival is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party, believing firmly in the soundness of its policies, and served as a member of the township board, in which connection he made a record creditable alike to his conscientiousness and ability. He has gained recognition not only as a good business man but also as a public-spirited citizen, willing to subordinate personal interests to the general good.

THOMAS WILLIAM DOUGHTY.

Thomas William Doughty, who since 1892 has been cashier of the Emmet County Bank at Armstrong, was born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, June 19, 1870, of the marriage of David and Lillias Doughty. He attended school in Dumfriesshire and in Edinburgh, Scotland, and received his business training in a business college at Des Moines, Iowa. He first entered the banking business in 1892, when he was made cashier of the Emmet County Bank at Armstrong. He has since held that office and under his management the affairs of the bank have prospered. It has held the unqualified confidence of the public, has been a factor in the commercial development of the town and has paid good dividends to its stockholders. In addition to the bank stock which he owns he holds title to a great deal of valuable real estate in Emmet county and also in Wisconsin and South Dakota. Some of his farms are recognized as the best improved properties in this section of Iowa and his progressive spirit has been as strongly marked in work for the public good as in the development of his private holdings. It has been largely due to his efforts that many of the forward movements in Armstrong in the last quarter of a century have succeeded.

Mr. Doughty is independent in politics and has been treasurer of the town of Armstrong continuously since 1895. He has been asked to become a candidate for many other offices, including that of state representative, but has refused. At one time he was associated with the Knights of Pythias, and in religious faith he is a Presbyterian. His sterling worth is indicated in the fact that those who have been intimately associated with him for years are his warmest friends.

JOHN PAUL LITTELL.

Prominent among the successful insurance men of Iowa is John Paul Littell, of Estherville, who represents the National Life Insurance Company of the United States of America. He was born in Presque Isle, Michigan, on the 18th of December, 1855, a son of Aaron and Mary E.

(Brown) Littell. The father was born, reared and educated in Virginia, but when a young man went to Brookfield, New York, where he engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery for some time. Subsequently he removed to Presque Isle, Michigan, becoming one of the pioneer physicians of that place, and about 1860 he located in Alma, Wisconsin, where his death occurred in 1865. His wife was a native of Massachusetts and in childhood became a resident of Brookfield, New York, where their marriage was celebrated. In 1870 she accompanied her oldest son to Estherville, Iowa, where she continued to make her home until she passed away in 1887.

John Paul Littell attended school in Alma, Wisconsin, and Wabasha, Minnesota. When a young man he engaged in lumbering in the pine regions of Wisconsin and became foreman of a log drive on the Chippewa river. In 1885 he came to Estherville, Iowa, where his mother and brother had previously located, and here he bought a milk business, which he ran for one year. It was in 1887 that Mr. Littell became identified with the life insurance business as general agent for the Des Moines Life, which merged with the National Life Insurance Company of the United States of America, with headquarters in Chicago, and he has since remained with them, being at the present time general agent for Iowa with headquarters at Estherville. He has been in the service of the same companies for thirty years, a record probably unexcelled by any other life insurance agent in America and certainly not by any other agent with the National Life. He has probably written more life insurance policies than any other man in Iowa and has frequently led all Iowa insurance agents in the volume of insurance written annually. He is a member of the Hundred Thousand Dollar Club of the National Life Insurance Company and attends all of the annual conventions of the club in Chicago.

At Wabasha, Minnesota, Mr. Littell was married July 18, 1878, to Miss Mary Johnson, who was born, reared and educated in Westfield, Wisconsin, and from there removed to Wabasha. Her parents, Albert and Sarah Ann (Lackey) Johnson, were natives of New York and Canada respectively and were pioneers of Wabasha, Minnesota. Near that place her father engaged in farming for some time but later conducted a livery business in Wabasha and spent his last years in retirement at St. Paul, Minnesota, where both he and his wife died. To Mr. and Mrs. Littell were born four children. Harry A. Littell, born in Wabasha and educated in the schools of Estherville, Iowa, is now associated with his father in the insurance business. Ada Littell, also born in Wabasha, was educated in Estherville, Iowa, and won the oratorical contest in the latter city and also the district contest. Her health failed and she died in Estherville at the age of eighteen years. Edith M. Littell, born in Estherville, is now a deaconess of the Methodist Episcopal church at Des Moines. She received an excellent education, attending the public schools of Estherville, Morningside College at Sioux City, the Iowa State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls and the Deaconess' College at Des Moines, from which she was graduated. The fourth child died in infancy.

Mr. Littell is a stanch supporter of the republican party and has taken an active and influential part in local politics, serving on the congressional committee for Emmet county, but he has never cared to hold office though many nominations have been offered him. He served at one time, however, as city marshal of Estherville. He is a strong temperance worker and active in church affairs, having been for many years a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which he and his wife belong. He has also been a Sunday school teacher for a long period. Mrs. Littell has also been prominent in church and charity work, being now superintendent of the Estherville Associated Charities, and the poor and needy always find in her a friend, no one being turned away without some word of cheer or more substantial aid when they appeal to her for help. Fraternally Mr. Littell is a member of the Masonic Lodge of Estherville. He is the owner of a large and well selected library, with the contents of which he is thoroughly familiar, for he is very fond of reading. He not only enjoys the best literature but is fond of art in its various forms and loves a good lecture or sermon. He is a strong temperance man, never using liquor nor tobacco in any form, and he opposes strongly all those forces which promote vice and as strongly endorses those interests which lead to the acceptance of Christianity among men, doing everything in his power to influence people to turn from the error of their ways to Christianity. He is the owner of a highly improved farm west of Estherville besides his city property, for in business affairs he has prospered. He is one of the best known life insurance men in Iowa and is justly accounted one of the leading and representative citizens of the town where he has now made his home for almost a third of a century.

B. A. WEBB.

B. A. Webb, cashier of the Bank of Montgomery, has had experience which makes him well qualified for his present duties and responsibilities and which contributes to the success of the institution, which ranks with the safe, reliable financial concerns of this part of the state. He was born in Shelby county, Illinois, March 6, 1865, and is a son of William Y. and Angeline (Blythe) Webb, both of whom were natives of Tennessee. While still young they removed to Illinois and in 1880 came to Dickinson county, Iowa, where the mother yet resides but the father departed this life in 1890. In their family were five children, of whom three are now living.

B. A. Webb was a youth of fifteen years when he came to Dickinson county and here he completed his education as a public school pupil. He then took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for a few terms, at the end of which time he began farming and devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits until 1906, when he went upon the road as a traveling salesman. Four years were passed in that connection and since 1911 he has engaged in the banking business at Montgomery, filling the office

of cashier throughout the intervening period. He has thoroughly acquainted himself with every phase of the banking business and he is a courteous and obliging official, doing everything to aid the patrons of the bank that is consistent with the safeguarding of the interests of depositors. In addition to his banking interests he is well known because of his investments in farm land. He owns one tract of one hundred and thirty acres and also a half interest in another tract of one hundred and sixty acres, from which he derives a substantial annual income.

Mr. Webb has been married twice. In 1899 he wedded Millie Elliott, who died in 1904, leaving a daughter, Stella, who is now the wife of Michael Albert. In 1908 Mr. Webb was again married, his second union being with Luella Tritle. Mr. Webb is a member of the Baptist church while the religious faith of his wife is indicated in her membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is a democrat and keeps in close touch with the questions and issues of the day, so that he is well versed concerning the principles upon which the party platform is based. He filled the office of township treasurer and has also been school director. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and with the Masons, having membership in Twilight Lodge, No. 329, F. & A. M., of Spirit Lake. His has been an active and useful life. He is alert, enterprising and progressive and possesses in large measure that quality of common sense the lack of which is so often the cause of business failure.

CHRISTOPH SCHROEDER.

The agricultural interests of Dickinson county have a worthy representative in Christoph Schroeder, who owns and operates a fine farm of two hundred acres on section 14, Lloyd township. His early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born in Germany, October 12, 1860, and his parents were John and Walla Schroeder, also natives of the fatherland. There John Schroeder died and his wife subsequently came to America, where her death occurred. All their five children are still living.

Christoph Schroeder spent the first fifteen years of his life in his native land and was given good educational advantages. Bidding goodby to friends and relatives he sailed for the new world and on reaching this country proceeded at once to Will county, Illinois, where he worked as a farm hand for some years. Being economical as well as industrious he was able to save some of his wages and on coming to Dickinson county, Iowa, in 1889, he purchased a farm on section 14, Lloyd township, consisting of two hundred acres of land. Its neat and thrifty appearance plainly indicates the care and labor he has bestowed upon it and he now has a well improved place in a high state of cultivation. Besides his farm property he also owns nine lots and a residence in the village of Terril.

In February, 1890, Mr. Schroeder married Miss Ina Randt, who was

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also born in Germany and in childhood accompanied her parents on their emigration to America. She is a daughter of Ferdinand and Sophia (Peters) Randt, natives of Germany, who on coming to the United States, first located in Illinois but finally removed to Dickinson county, Iowa, where Mr. Randt died in 1910. His widow is still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder were born three children: Christoph, deceased; William H., who attended the Terril high school and is now at home; and Sarah, in school.

Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder hold membership in the Lutheran church and are people of prominence in the community where they reside. Mr. Schroeder is an adherent of the republican party but is not a politician in the sense of office seeking. He is now enjoying a comfortable competence secured by his own labor for he has made his own way in the world from an early age and well merits the prosperity that has come to him.

JOHN HANSON.

The record of John Hanson, who owns four hundred and forty acres of the finest land in Emmet county, is one that should prove very stimulating to young men just beginning their independent career as when he arrived in the United States he was not only a stranger to the customs of the country but was also handicapped by lack of capital. However, he possessed in large measure the determination and energy characteristic of the Norwegian race and the exercise of these qualities has brought him to his present notable position as one of the leading farmers in this prosperous agricultural county. He raises stock on an extensive scale, specializing in the feeding of sheep for the market.

Mr. Hanson was born in Norway on the 19th of December, 1870, and is one of the four surviving children of a family of five whose parents were Hans and Bertha Hanson, lifelong residents of the land of the midnight sun. He attended the schools of his native country in the acquirement of an education but in 1889, when nineteen years of age, emigrated to America, making his way to Grundy county, Illinois, where for eight years he worked as a farm hand. He next rented land in Webster county, Iowa, for six years but in 1903 removed to Emmet county and bought one hundred and forty-six acres on section 18, Center township. Three years later he sold that place and for two years cultivated rented land but at the end of that time purchased a farm in High Lake township, on which he resided for a year. He then disposed of that property and purchased land in Webster county which he cultivated for three years. Upon selling that farm he came again to Emmet county and bought his present place, comprising four hundred and forty acres on section 26, Center township. He has erected a number of substantial and up-to-date buildings and has otherwise improved his place, which is one of the model farms of the township. He raises all kinds of stock but pays particular attention to

feeding sheep, having a thousand head upon the farm during the winter of 1916-17.

Mr. Hanson was married in 1897 to Miss Martha Larson, a native of Webster county, Iowa, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Larson, the latter of whom is deceased. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hanson have been born nine children, namely, Belle S., Tillie H., Clarence J., Ernest, Lawrence, Clifford, Melvin, Lester and Genevieve.

Mr. Hanson is an adherent of the republican party and has always taken the interest in public affairs incumbent upon an American citizen but has not been an aspirant for political office. However, he has served his district as school director. Both he and his wife are communicants of the Lutheran church and are factors in the advancement of its work.

JOHN R. WHITE.

John R. White, a resident farmer of Dickinson county, his home being on section 13, Diamond Lake township, is numbered among Iowa's native sons, for he was born in Wapello county, February 23, 1878. His parents were E. G. and Nancy J. (Robinson) White, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Maryland respectively. They came to Iowa at an early day and at the time of the Civil war the father responded to the country's call for troops, serving for four years in the Twenty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. He made a most creditable military record and at the close of hostilities was honorably discharged. Following his return home he devoted his energies to general agricultural pursuits until his life's labors were ended in death in 1889. His wife survived until 1893.

Of the nine children of the family all are yet living. John R. White was but five years of age when his parents removed from Wapello to Audobon county, Iowa, where he was reared and educated, pursuing a common school course. He early became familiar with the best and most practical methods of cultivating the fields and at length rented a farm which he continued to develop until 1910. That year witnessed his arrival in Dickinson county at which time he purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 13, Diamond Lake township, and began the improvement of his present farm, which is now an excellent property equipped with all modern accessories and conveniences. The fields have been brought under a high state of cultivation and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place indicates his sound judgment and enterprising spirit.

In 1900 Mr. White was married to Miss Birdella Wilson, a native of Missouri and a daughter of Clark and Belle (Neeley) Wilson, who are natives of Iowa and Ohio respectively. Both still survive. Unto Mr. and Mrs. White have been born five children, Homer C., Harold A., John M., Kenneth W., and Glenn E.

Mr. White holds membership in the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In politics his support is given to the republican party and he is now serving as township trustee and also as school director. He is interested in everything pertaining to the public welfare and gives active aid and coöperation to many plans for the general good. At the same time he has carefully managed his private business interests and has become one of the substantial farmers of his adopted county.

REV. P. A. QUESNEL.

Rev. P. A. Quesnel, pastor of the St. Mary's Catholic church at Armstrong, Iowa, and of the Sacred Heart church at Ledyard, in Kossuth county, Iowa, is a well known figure in Catholic circles of this region. He was born at Lachine, province of Quebec, Canada, January 4, 1866, and is a son of Jean B. and Glaphire Quesnel, likewise natives of that province. The father engaged in farming during his entire active life, and was also prominent in politics and served as mayor of Lachine and Pointe Claire. His death occurred November 28, 1909, and on the 3rd of April, 1911, the mother also passed away.

Father Quesnel attended the district schools of his native town and was later a student in St. Therese College, where he took the degree of B. A. He prepared for the priesthood in the Grand Seminary of Montreal, and was ordained on the 21st of December, 1889. He came to Iowa in 1912. He was stationed at Early, Iowa, for some time and in November, 1913, the Right Rev. Phillip J. Garrigan, D. D., of Sioux City, Iowa, sent him to take charge of the Armstrong and Ledyard missions. Many improvements have been made on the church property since he has been in this locality, and he is planning now to erect a modern parsonage, which is badly needed. The affairs of the church are in splendid condition, and Father Quesnel enjoys the respect and friendship of all the Catholics and of the non-Catholics as well.

The parish contains forty families, and its record is an unusual one, as during the past three years only three deaths have occurred in the church membership. The church was built in 1894, Rev. Father James P. Taken, the pastor at Forest City at that time, erecting the building. Before the church was built the Catholics used to hear mass in the house of the late Peter Conlin. Father Taken is now located at La Porte City, Iowa. The first resident pastor, Rev. F. Carroll, was appointed by Most Rev. John Hennessy, D. D., of Dubuque, in 1895. In 1896 he built the present parsonage. His health failed and shortly afterward he died in California, where he had gone to recuperate. Father John Hassett replaced him in 1898. He passed away to his eternal reward in 1900. His kindness to all shall always live. In 1901 Father F. Wren, now of Duncombe, Iowa, took charge of the parish. In 1903 he was followed by Father Michael Bradley, who is now stationed at Hawarden, Iowa. In 1905 Father J. G. Perrault

came and in 1906 he was succeeded by Father S. P. Roth, the present pastor of Larchwood, Iowa. Father Perrault died in Chicago in 1912. Father Roth remained here about five years. During his pastorate the old church at Estherville was bought for six hundred dollars and removed to Ledyard, where it became the house of worship for the Sacred Heart congregation. Father Roth was removed to Larchwood in 1911, regretted by all. Father H. C. Eckhart was then appointed to succeed Father Roth. He stayed here two years. He was then transferred to St. Benedict, Iowa, where after a few months he had to resign on account of poor health. He is retired at the St. Antonio Sanitarium, in Texas.

Father Quesnel has been in charge since November 1, 1913. He is continuing the good work of his worthy predecessors. He has great hopes in the Armstrong parish, and he sees the day when it will have a large membership and be equipped with a parochial school. The land here is very rich, and Father Quesnel believes that the northern part of Iowa is bound to become the very cellar of Iowa, with an inexhaustible larder filled with bounteous crops. Father Quesnel says Armstrong is the capital of the Promised Land in Iowa, where milk and honey flow. He wishes he had a voice loud enough to make himself heard wherever there is a man looking for a location. He would say to him, "Come to Armstrong or Ledyard and locate in the land of plenty."

HARVEY A. WELTY.

The name of Harvey A. Welty, of Spirit Lake township, Dickinson county, is well known in stock raising circles of the middle west, for he has as fine a herd of Aberdeen Angus cattle as can be found within the limits of the state. He has met with unusual success in all that he has undertaken, as before turning his attention to stock raising he was for years a teacher and held a number of important positions in the educational field which he filled with marked ability. He was born in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, May 30, 1866, a son of Christ and Susan (Poffenberger) Welty. The father was born in Maryland but for a number of years engaged in farming in West Virginia, and in 1871 removed to the vicinity of Oregon, Ogle county, Illinois. There he also purchased land, to the cultivation of which he devoted his energies until 1881, when he took up his residence on a farm near Ames, Story county, Iowa. Many years later he removed to Colo, Iowa, and there he passed away. His wife, who was born in Harpers Ferry, likewise died at Colo.

Harvey A. Welty received his early education in the district schools of Ogle and Stephenson counties, Illinois, making his home for several years with his uncle, H. Poffenberger, a resident of Stephenson county. Later he attended high school at State Center, Marshall county, Iowa, and continued his education in the Iowa State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls, Iowa, and in Carthage College at Carthage, Illinois, where he took

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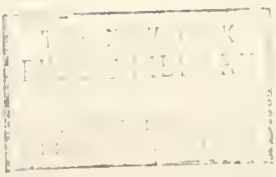

a scientific course. He earned the money which paid his expenses while a student at Carthage College by teaching school and also by selling books. Following his graduation he was chosen principal of the schools at Colo, Iowa, and in 1893 was elected to a similar position in the schools of Lake Park, Dickinson county, Iowa. In 1894 he was made superintendent of schools of Dickinson county and in the following year established the Spirit Lake Normal School, which he conducted during the years 1895, 1896 and 1897. This was a private school and the reputation which he had made as an instructor and educational leader in the county was such that the attendance was large for a school of that character, it averaging about eighty students. However, he found that the conduct of the school interfered with his work as county superintendent and accordingly he discontinued it in 1897. He filled the office of county superintendent until 1901, when he became principal of schools at Hull, Iowa, which position he resigned in 1903 to accept the superintendency of schools at Ruthven, Iowa, at a third increase in salary. Six years later he purchased the Spirit Lake Herald, of which he was editor and publisher for a short period. During that time he built up its circulation and after placing it upon a sound basis was able to sell it at an advantage. In the latter part of 1909 he took up his residence upon a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Lloyd township, Dickinson county, near Terril, which he had purchased ten years before. He farmed that place for a year and then taught school at Wiota, Iowa, for a similar period and at Arnolds Park, Dickinson county, for two years, during which time he consolidated the schools there. In 1913 he purchased his present home farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 34, Spirit Lake township, where he has since engaged in general farming and in the breeding of registered Aberdeen Angus cattle, of which he has seventy-five head, the largest herd of registered stock of that breed in northwestern Iowa. He has owned a number of imported cows and his herd challenges comparison with any in the state. He sells his cattle for breeding purposes and is well known as a stock raiser throughout the middle west, finding a market for his cattle over a wide territory. In addition to his home place he still owns his farm in Lloyd township.

On the 6th of October, 1898, at Arnolds Park, Mr. Welty was married to Miss Grace Laurene Yearows, who was born at Webster City, Hamilton county, but was educated in the schools of Eagle Grove, Wright county, graduating from the high school there when quite young. As soon as she was old enough she began teaching in the schools of Dickinson county and followed that profession until her marriage. She is president of the Parent-Teachers' Association of Spirit Lake and takes the keenest interest in its work. Her parents, Jacob John and Harriet W. (Richardson) Yearows, were natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania respectively but were early settlers of Hamilton county, Iowa. Subsequently they removed to Wright county and in 1896 settled in Milford, Dickinson county, later taking up their abode in Arnolds Park, where the father passed away. He was a contractor and builder by occupation. The

mother, although a native of the Keystone state, was educated in Ohio, where her marriage occurred, and for many years has been a resident of Iowa. She now makes her home with a son in Eagle Grove, Wright county. To Mr. and Mrs. Welty have been born seven children; Juanita Cleona, Kenneth Bertram and Ardeth Laurene, all of whom were born in Dickinson county; Melville Ivins and Prudence Beatrice, born in Palo Alto county; Prentiss Harvey, who was born in Dickinson county; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Welty has given careful study to the questions which divide the great political parties and is a stanch advocate of republican principles and candidates. He served as mayor of Arnolds Park and during his administration the interests of the municipality were forwarded to a marked degree. He belongs to the Presbyterian church and for many years has been a teacher in the Sunday school, while his wife is a member of the Christian Science church. He has the enviable reputation of having been the best teacher that Dickinson county has known and he has never ceased to feel a lively interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the schools. He is a man of wide information and holds a broad-minded view upon all questions. He has a great capacity for friendship and his home is marked by a charming hospitality. It is needless to add that he is held in the highest esteem and that his personal friends are many.

PETER HENRIKSEN.

Among the well known young farmers and stock raisers of Denmark township, Emmet county, is Peter Henriksen, who is operating the south half of the southeast quarter of section 1 and one hundred and sixty acres in Kossuth county. He was born in Denmark township on the 22d of December, 1887, and is a son of John and Johanna (Madsen) Henriksen, who were among the early settlers of Denmark township and a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Peter Henriksen, the third in order of birth in a family of nine children, attended the district schools until he was sixteen years of age and the following five years were spent in working for his father. He then rented a farm three miles from the home place for a year in partnership with his brother Henry and at the end of that time bought the farm, which he has since cultivated on his own account. It comprises eighty acres of fine land on section 1 and he also owns an adjoining quarter section in Kossuth county. He raises both grain and stock and in all his work follows up-to-date methods.

On the 8th of June, 1910, Mr. Henriksen was married to Miss Helen Jepsen, a daughter of Nels and Anna (Nissen) Jepsen, natives of Denmark and for a number of years residents of Denmark township, Emmet county, Iowa. They are now living retired in Ringsted. To Mr. and Mrs.

Henriksen have been born two children: Ervin, whose birth occurred in 1911; and Frances, born in 1915.

Mr. Henriksen supports the candidates of the republican party at the polls but has never had time to take an active part in politics as he has concentrated his attention upon his farming interests. He holds membership in the Danish Lutheran church and supports heartily the work of that organization. He is one of the younger farmers of the township and also one of the most successful. He is popular in the local lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose, to which he belongs, and also has a host of friends outside of that organization.

C. F. HANSON.

C. F. Hanson, a well known farmer and stock raiser residing on section 9, Richland township, Dickinson county, was born on the 19th of August, 1855, in Racine county, Wisconsin, his parents being Hiram and Ellen (Jones) Hanson, both natives of England. It was in 1843 that they came to America and settled in Wisconsin, but in 1856 they came to Iowa, locating in Fayette county, where both died. To them were born three children, all of whom are living.

C. F. Hanson remained under the parental roof until thirty years of age, in the meantime acquiring an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits and pursuing his studies in the common schools during his boyhood. On leaving home he purchased a farm in Fayette county, Iowa, upon which he lived for six years, and on selling that place in 1893 came to Dickinson county, locating upon the farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 9, Richland township, which he now owns and operates. Besides this valuable tract he and his son own one hundred and sixty acres on section 3, Richland township, which is also under cultivation and well improved. In connection with general farming Mr. Hanson has engaged in the raising and feeding of stock on quite an extensive scale and has met with success in that business.

In 1885 he was united in marriage to Miss Isabelle Irvine, a native of Canada and a daughter of David and Esther (Thompson) Irvine, who were born in Ireland and on crossing the Atlantic settled in Canada at an early day. From the Dominion they came to Iowa and took up their abode in Fayette county, where the mother died and where the father is still living. To them were born seven children, all of whom survive. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hanson: Harry C., who was born January 14, 1887, and is now engaged in farming in Dickinson county; Albert L., who was born October 20, 1888, and died July 7, 1911; Susie E., who was born January 25, 1896, and since her graduation from the Cedar Falls schools has engaged in teaching; William I., who was born January 17, 1898, and is now attending school; and Esther E., born September 7, 1904.

The republican party finds in Mr. Hanson a stanch supporter of its principles and for six years he has served as township trustee. He has also filled the office of school director and never withholds his support from any enterprise calculated to promote the educational, moral or material welfare of his community. Both he and his wife are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church and they are held in the highest esteem by all who know them.

FREDERICK W. LA DOUX.

Frederick W. La Doux is a worthy representative of the farming and stock raising interests of Dickinson county, now carrying on operations on section 22, Center Grove township, and he has achieved a wide reputation as a breeder of registered Chester White hogs. He was born on the farm where he now resides, July 4, 1871, and belongs to one of the oldest families of this locality, being a son of Peter and Betsy (Warner) La Doux. The father was a native of New York state and the mother of Potter county, Pennsylvania. When the latter was a child of twelve years she accompanied her parents on their removal to Dickinson county in the early '60s. Prior to the Civil war Peter La Doux enlisted as a private in Company I, Ninth Iowa Cavalry, and was stationed at Fort Dodge, Iowa, at the time of the Indian massacre in Dickinson county in 1857. Immediately following that horrible event he was sent with a military expedition to this locality and soon after the return of the guard to Fort Dodge he again came to Dickinson county and filed a homestead on the quarter section of land where the Howe family, victims of the massacre, had been buried. Later their bodies were disinterred and laid by the side of others murdered at the same time in Arnolds Park. After his discharge from the army Mr. La Doux located upon his land and continued to reside thereon until his death, which occurred in June, 1907. His wife is still living on the old homestead.

Frederick W. La Doux began his education in the common schools and later attended Young's Academy at Spirit Lake, after which he successfully engaged in teaching for four years. On the 16th of June, 1895, he was united in marriage to Miss Rena Helms, who was reared on an adjoining farm and is a daughter of Newell and Esther (Pillsbury) Helms. Her maternal grandfather was Rev. S. L. Pillsbury, one of the pioneer ministers of Dickinson county. Her father was also one of the earliest settlers of the county, having located here in 1856. He served through the war in Company G, Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry. Mr. and Mrs. La Doux have four children, namely: Burness, who is now attending the State University at Iowa City; Marian E.; Margery E.; and Carlyle C.

After his marriage Mr. La Doux located on his present farm on section 22, Center Grove township, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres of land, for which his father paid eight dollars per acre and which he

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presented to our subject at the time of his marriage. To this the latter added one hundred acres by purchase. The state Young Men's Christian Association camp on the lake, which has attained a national reputation, is a part of this tract and twenty-six acres was sold to them by Mr. La Doux. He now owns two hundred acres of very valuable and productive land, upon which he has excellent improvements, and in its cultivation he has met with good success. In 1907 he began the breeding of thoroughbred Chester White hogs and in this venture has also prospered. For several years he has exhibited his stock at the state and inter-state fairs and taken many ribbons and championships.

Since attaining his majority Mr. La Doux has affiliated with the republican party and has taken an active and prominent part in local politics, serving for a number of years as secretary of the school board and township trustee. He is a member of Spirit Lake Lodge, K. P., and also of the Yeomen, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. They are worthy representatives of old and honored families of Dickinson county and are held in the highest esteem by all who know them.

GEORGE E. MOORE.

George E. Moore, actively engaged in general farming and stock raising on section 1, High Lake township, Emmet county, is a native of Schuyler county, Illinois. He was born May 24, 1866, of the marriage of William and Frances (Bagby) Moore, who were natives of Ohio and Kentucky respectively, the latter being a descendant of Daniel Boone. William Moore became a resident of Illinois when a lad of but twelve years and took up his abode upon a farm in Schuyler county, where his remaining days were passed. There he was for many years actively connected with agricultural pursuits. His widow survives and is now living in Estherville at the age of seventy-six years.

In their family were three children: George E.; Homer O., now a resident of Schuyler county, Illinois; and Maggie M., the wife of J. A. Dunham. The ancestry of the family can be traced back to Ireland, for it was in that country that the grandfather of George E. Moore was born in 1800. He came to America in 1819, crossing the Atlantic in a sailing vessel which was six weeks in making the trip. He afterward took up his abode upon a farm in Carroll county, Ohio, and subsequently removed to Schuyler county, Illinois, where he built a log cabin covered with a clapboard roof, while at one end of the building was a mud and stick chimney, the floor being of earth. He lived in that primitive home for about twenty years, but as he prospered in his undertakings added modern improvements to his farm, erecting good buildings and becoming one of the substantial agriculturists of his district. He died in the year 1882 and his wife also passed away in Schuyler county.

George E. Moore was reared and educated in Illinois, attending the common schools. During the summer months he worked in the fields and remained upon his father's farm until his marriage, which was celebrated in 1888, Miss Josephine Lillard becoming his wife. She was born in Christian county, Illinois, a daughter of Perry and Nancy J. (Finley) Lillard, who were also natives of that state. The father is now a resident of Kansas, but the mother passed away in 1896. In their family were five children, of whom four are yet living. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Moore has been blessed with two children: Raymond M., who is a graduate of Dubuque College at Dubuque, Iowa; and Ruby A., who is now attending college in Aurora, Illinois.

It was in the spring of 1892 that Mr. Moore came with his family to Iowa, settling in Emmet county. He took up his abode upon the farm on which he now resides, in High Lake township. He is today one of the extensive landowners of the county, having seven hundred and seventy acres of highly improved and valuable land, which he has converted into a very productive farm. He makes a specialty of dairying, having a fine herd of Holstein cattle, and he is also extensively engaged in the raising of Hampshire hogs, having over four hundred head upon his place at the present time. He is an excellent judge of stock, seldom, if ever, at fault in estimating the value of an animal, and his live-stock interests have long constituted an important branch of his business, adding much to his prosperity. He is a most progressive, energetic man, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He is now president of the Wallingford Creamery Company and also president of the Farmers Telephone Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and guide their lives according to its teachings. His political support is given to the democratic party and he is a stalwart advocate of its principles but is not an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his time and energies upon his business affairs, which have been capably and wisely directed, making him one of the most substantial and prosperous farmers of Emmet county.

G. L. ATKINS, M. D.

Dr. G. L. Atkins, successfully engaged in the general practice of medicine in Superior, was born July 20, 1876, in Clear Lake, Iowa, a son of E. P. and Viola (Ellis) Atkins, both of whom were natives of this state. The father became a prominent and influential farmer of Clear Lake and afterward retired from the farm and became a resident of Spirit Lake and deals in real estate and loans.

Dr. Atkins was a little lad of but six years when his parents removed to Texas, remaining for a year in the south. They then returned to Iowa, settling at Spirit Lake, where he attended the public schools from 1884

until 1897, mastering those branches of learning which constituted the curriculum of the Spirit Lake schools, a course similar to that which has put Iowa in the front rank in the school advantages offered to its boys and girls. He afterward devoted three years to teaching school and was engaged in various other occupations until 1901, when he found it possible to carry out his desire of becoming a medical student in the Iowa State University. He pursued the regular four years' course and was graduated with the class of 1905. He then opened an office in Superior, where he has now practiced for twelve years, being accorded throughout the entire period a liberal patronage which has steadily grown in volume and importance. He also holds a license to practice in Minnesota.

On the 28th of June, 1905, Dr. Atkins was united in marriage to Miss Fern G. Stow, of Spirit Lake, Iowa. They are widely and favorably known in Superior and their part of the county. Dr. Atkins is a member of the Presbyterian church and Mrs. Atkins of the Episcopal church. Dr. Atkins also holds membership with the Modern Woodmen and with the Odd Fellows. In politics he maintains an independent course but is always progressive in matters of citizenship and at all times manifests a public-spirited devotion to the general good. Along the line of his profession he has connection with the Dickinson County, the Iowa State and the American Medical Associations, and his standing among his colleagues and contemporaries in this section of the state is indicated in the fact that he was for three years honored with the presidency of the county medical society.

E. H. DACK.

E. H. Dack, wide-awake and enterprising in his business affairs, is now the owner of a valuable farm property of two hundred and forty acres on section 10, Swan Lake township, Emmet county, to which he removed in 1912. He is yet a young man, his birth having occurred in Dallas county, Iowa, November 5, 1881, his parents being John F. and Nancy A. (Fox) Dack, the former a native of Canada and the latter of England. At an early period in the development of Iowa they became residents of this state, where the father followed the occupation of farming, and both he and his wife died in Dallas county. In their family were four children, three of whom yet survive.

E. H. Dack was reared and educated in Dallas county, pursuing a common school course, while his youthful experiences upon the home farm made him familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He was thirty years of age when he removed to Emmet county in 1912 and purchased his present farm on section 10, Swan Lake township, a tract of two hundred and forty acres of rich and arable land which he has brought under a high state of cultivation, adding many modern improvements to the place. It is now a splendid

farm and thereon he makes a specialty of dairying, keeping high grade cows for this purpose.

Mr. Dack was married in 1902 to Miss Myrtle J. Boll, a native of Dallas county, Iowa, and a daughter of M. B. and Hannah Boll. Her mother is now deceased, but her father is still living in Dallas county. Mr. and Mrs. Dack have two children, Herald A. and Verna I.

Mr. Dack votes with the republican party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He has been school director and township assessor and he is interested in all those forces which make for the upbuilding and development of the district in which he lives. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and guide their lives according to its teachings, so that many sterling traits of character have won for them the warm regard of all with whom they have been brought in contact.

L. P. STILLMAN.

Among the prosperous and highly esteemed residents of Dolliver is L. P. Stillman, cashier of the Dolliver Savings Bank. He was born in Allamakee county, Iowa, January 1, 1872, and is a son of L. P. and Mary G. (Phipps) Stillman, natives respectively of New York state and of Canada. Both came to Iowa, however, in youth and their marriage occurred in this state. The father passed away in 1886 but the mother is still living at the age of fifty-nine years. Six of their seven children survive.

L. P. Stillman received his education in the common schools of Palo Alto county, Iowa, and remained with his mother until he was twenty-one years of age, when he began farming on his own account, which occupation he followed for six years. He decided that he would prefer another line of activity and secured the position of bookkeeper in the First National Bank at Emmetsburg, Iowa. Two years later, or in 1899, he came to Dolliver as cashier of the Dolliver Savings Bank, which had just been established, and he is still filling that position. He has been very successful in his direction of the policy of the bank and its enviable standing in the community is evidence of his ability and trustworthiness. He realizes the value of real estate as an investment and owns three hundred and twenty acres of land in Emmet county and has an interest in several other farms.

In 1899 occurred the marriage of Mr. Stillman and Miss Mina F. Wells, a native of Hardin county, Iowa. Her parents, A. A. and Mary A. Wells, were born respectively in New York state and in Illinois but in 1855 became residents of Iowa. The father is deceased but the mother is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Stillman have become the parents of five children, namely: Linus P., Bernice N., Gerald W., James and Nadine C.

Mr. Stillman casts his ballot in support of the republican party. He

belongs to Emmet Lodge, No. 533, A. F. & A. M., at Armstrong and has taken the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is also identified with the Yeomen and the Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a trustee, and the work of that organization profits by their moral and financial support. Although his duties as cashier receive his first attention he finds time to aid those movements which are working for the development of his community along various lines. For nine years Mr. Stillman was a member of the National Guard of Iowa and on leaving the service was holding the rank of lieutenant. During the Spanish-American war he entered the United States service as a member of Company K, Fifty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and for some time was stationed at Chickamauga, Georgia, returning home in the fall of 1898.

JOHN HENRIKSEN.

John Henriksen, who passed away on the 11th of April, 1915, was for thirty years a resident of Emmet county and was ranked among the highly efficient farmers of Denmark township. His birth occurred in Denmark in 1857 and there he remained until he was twenty-four years of age, when he came to the United States and made his way to Council Bluffs, Iowa. He worked on a railroad and did teaming for two years and in 1885 came to Denmark township, Emmet county, Iowa, where he purchased eighty acres of land, comprising the north half of the southwest quarter of section 12, Denmark township. Subsequently he purchased the eighty acre tract lying north of his original farm and as the years passed he made his place one of the best developed and most productive farms of the township. He derived a gratifying income from his land and accumulated a competence.

In 1880, in Denmark, Mr. Henriksen was united in marriage to Miss Hanna Madsen, whose parents were lifelong residents of that country. Mr. and Mrs. Henriksen had nine children, namely: Ida, now Mrs. Daniel Sorensen, of Denmark township; Henry, who is married and lives in Ringsted; Peter, who is farming three miles from the home place in Denmark township and whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; Marius, who is married and is farming in Denmark township; Sophia, the wife of James Rasmussen, of Denmark township; Gina, who married M. H. Petersen, of Denmark township; and Martin, Minnie and Fred, all at home.

Mr. Henriksen was never a seeker for official honors. He was respected wherever known as a man of sterling integrity and his personal friends were many. One of the earliest settlers in Denmark township, he lived to see a wonderful transformation as what had been a frontier region became a thickly settled and highly developed agricultural district. He passed away on the 11th of April, 1915, at the age

of fifty-eight years, and all who knew him felt that a worthy man, a good citizen and a loyal friend had gone to his reward. He is buried in St. Paul's cemetery. Mrs. Henriksen survives and still resides upon the home farm.

P. A. PETERSON.

P. A. Peterson, who follows farming on section 24, Superior township, is one of the representative farmers of Dickinson county. His early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born in Norway on the 8th of January, 1874, and is a son of Pete and Olena (Olson) Peterson. The mother never left her native land but died in Norway in 1912. In 1876 the father came to the United States and settled in Will county, Illinois, where he continued to reside until coming to Dickinson county, Iowa, in 1901. His death occurred here in 1906.

P. A. Peterson was reared and educated in Norway, and in 1889, at the age of fifteen years, began a seafaring life and was employed as a sailor for four years. In 1893 he came to America and for two years lived with his father in Will county, Illinois. Subsequently he worked out as a farm hand for two years, and then began farming for himself, operating rented land in Will county for about four years. It was in 1900 that he became a resident of Dickinson county, Iowa, where he continued to follow agricultural pursuits as a renter for six years. Having saved his money he was then able to purchase his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Superior township, and has since engaged in its operation. In connection with general farming he devotes considerable attention to stock raising, making a specialty of Black Polled cattle and registered hogs. He is a wide-awake, energetic farmer and the success which has attended his efforts is certainly well deserved. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the republican party and in religious faith he is a Lutheran. Fraternally he holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America.

CHARLES H. TEMPLETON.

A valuable farm of two hundred and fifty-five acres situated on sections 10, 11, 14 and 15, Okoboji township, Dickinson county, pays tribute to the care and labor bestowed upon it by the owner, Charles H. Templeton, who is one of the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of his section of the state. He was born in La Salle county, Illinois, January 19, 1856, a son of Hammond and Laura (Morrison) Templeton, who were natives of Vermont and of New York, respectively. The father was a mason by trade, learning the business when in the

east. In 1830 he removed to La Salle county, Illinois, where he purchased land which he developed and improved, continuing there to carry on general agricultural pursuits throughout his remaining days, his death occurring March 2, 1862. His wife survived for many years, passing away in May, 1906, at the age of seventy-two years.

Charles H. Templeton was reared in his native county and is indebted to its public school system for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. He remained with his mother until he reached the age of twenty-six years and then went to Livingston county, Illinois, where he began farming on his own account, continuing to cultivate land there until 1883. At that date he accepted the position of fireman on the Illinois Central Railroad and was thus employed for two years. He next went with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, which he represented for two years, making his home at Sanborn, Iowa. On the expiration of that period he purchased a farm near Hartley, Iowa, which he rented to his brothers. A man gave him the use of a farm for five years if he would break the sod, but Mr. Templeton cultivated the tract for only three years, at the end of which time he took up his abode upon his own land, which he then cultivated for five years. On selling the property he removed to Clay county, where he purchased another farm, which he cultivated for three years and then sold and went to Sibley. The farm which he there purchased he continued to develop and improve for five years, but again he sold out and at that date came to Dickinson county, where for five years he engaged in the cultivation of rented land. He next rented another farm for three years, after which he purchased his present place, comprising two hundred and fifty-five acres situated in Okoboji township, his buildings being upon section 10. He has made various improvements upon the place during the period of his incumbency and has brought his fields to a high state of cultivation. He carefully and wisely manages his interests and as the result of his diligence and labor annually harvests good crops. In addition to raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climatic conditions here he feeds about one carload of hogs and a carload of cattle per year, having done this for the past fifteen years. His wife has given much attention to the raising of thoroughbred Barred Plymouth Rock chickens and has many of that breed upon the farm.

It was in 1885 at Galena, Illinois, that Mr. Templeton was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ball, a daughter of James W. and Cypha (Matson) Ball, who were natives of Tioga county, New York. The father was a mason by trade and also took up the occupation of farming. He became a pioneer of La Salle county, Illinois, where he settled in 1832. In the same year he participated in the Black Hawk war, which terminated the supremacy of the Indians in that locality. The work of progress and civilization seemed scarcely begun in his section of the state at that time, but he contributed to the pioneer development and later progress of La Salle county, where he persistently and successfully engaged in farming for many years. He finally retired from active

life and made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Templeton until his demise, which occurred in May, 1892. He had for a considerable period survived his wife, who died May 6, 1874.

Mr. and Mrs. Templeton became the parents of but one child, Myrtle E., who passed away in March, 1904, at the age of sixteen years. Their religious faith is that of the Methodist church and Mr. Templeton belongs to the Masonic fraternity, while both he and his wife are connected with the Eastern Star. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is the present assessor of Okoboji township, in which position he has served for five years, and he was also for eight years assessor in O'Brien county, Iowa. He has likewise filled the office of school director in Dickinson county for two years and was similarly connected with the schools in O'Brien county. In a word, he stands for progress and improvement, for development and upbuilding, and his aid and influence are always given on the side of right. His life has been well spent and his many sterling traits of character have gained for him the respect, confidence and goodwill of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

A. D. INMAN.

Agricultural interests of Dickinson county find a well known representative in A. D. Inman, who took up his abode here in pioneer days and throughout the intervening period has been closely associated with the development of the county along farming lines. He has assisted in the work of transforming wild land into productive fields and his labors have been attended with good results. He was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, September 4, 1840, a son of Benjamin and Salome (Richardson) Inman, who were natives of Steuben county, New York. The father became an early resident of Bradford county, Pennsylvania, and there his remaining days were passed, his time and energies being devoted to general agricultural pursuits. Both he and his wife departed this life in South Creek township and were there laid to rest. They had a family of eight children but only two are now living, the brother of A. D. Inman being Ed Inman, who resides upon the old homestead in Pennsylvania.

The educational advantages which A. D. Inman enjoyed were limited to those offered by the pioneer schools near his boyhood home. He pursued his studies until he reached the age of sixteen and then gave his undivided attention to farm work for his father and others until he reached the age of nineteen. When a young man of twenty years he responded to President Lincoln's first call for troops and enlisted as a member of Company F, Twenty-third New York Infantry. He saw active service throughout the entire war, being largely under the command of Generals Wadsworth and Mead in the Army of the Potomac. He participated in many

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of the hotly contested engagements of the Virginia campaign, including that near Falls Church in 1861, Ball's Crossroads, Munson's Hill, Bowling Green in 1862, Rappahannock River, Sulphur Springs, Gainesville, Bull Run, Antietam and Fredericksburg. He was honorably discharged at Elmira, New York, May 22, 1863, on the expiration of his first term of enlistment, but on the 7th of September, 1864, he reënlisted as a private of Company L of the First Regiment of New York Veteran Volunteer Cavalry. He then went to the front with the Army of the Shenandoah and was promoted to corporal on the 15th of December of that year. A second honorable discharge was received at Camp Piatt in West Virginia, June 8, 1865.

At the close of the war Mr. Inman returned to Pennsylvania and after a short visit with his parents started for the middle west. In the spring of 1866 he arrived in Dickinson county, which was then largely a frontier district. Here he homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres on section 7, Milford township, and has now for fifty-one years remained upon this place. He still has twenty-six acres of the original tract. His first home was a sod house and later he built a log cabin. In those early days he endured all of the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life when homes were widely scattered and when market places were far distant. Much of the labor, too, that is now performed with machinery was then done by hand.

In 1867 Mr. Inman was united in marriage to Miss Melinda Miller, a daughter of John and Charlotte (Coleman) Miller, who were natives of New Jersey and for some time resided in Pennsylvania, where they passed away. Their remains, however, were interred in Wellsburg, New York. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Inman are two daughters: Ella, the wife of Elmer E. Hall, now of Winnipeg, Canada; and Ida, the wife of H. Curtis Kessey, of Victor, Colorado. Mrs. Inman has ever been an able assistant to her husband and shared with him in all of the hardships and privations of life on the western frontier. They are now numbered among the highly respected residents of the county. They have traveled life's journey together for more than a half century and throughout the entire period have remained residents of Dickinson county. In his political views Mr. Inman has long been a republican and has served in various township offices, while for four years he was sheriff of the county. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and in matters of citizenship has always been as true and loyal to his country as when he followed the stars and stripes on the battlefields of the south.

JOHN WICKS.

John Wicks spent the last years of his life in Montgomery, but for a number of years prior to 1911 was actively engaged in farming in Dickinson county. His worth as a man and citizen endeared him to

those with whom he was associated, and brought him the goodwill and confidence of those with whom he had business relations. He was born in England, March 31, 1848, and passed away in Montgomery on the 14th of February, 1917. His parents, Samuel and Rachel (Pitts) Wicks, came to America in 1851 and established their home in the state of New York. In the '60s, however, they removed westward to Dallas county, Iowa, where they spent their remaining days. They had a family of ten children, of whom seven are yet living.

John Wicks was reared and educated in Dallas county, where he was trained to the work of the fields, early becoming an active assistant to his father in carrying on the labors of the home farm. He was married there in 1874 to Miss Celia West, a native of England and a daughter of Richard and Mary (Eves) West, who were also natives of England, where they spent their entire lives. It was in 1872 that Mrs. Wicks came to the new world, making her way at once to Dallas county. By her marriage she became the mother of five children: Albert E., Reuben T., and Clinton A., who all reside in North Dakota; Alonzo, living in Dickinson county; and Maud, the wife of John Brown.

For eighteen years after his marriage Mr. Wicks carried on general agricultural pursuits in Dallas county and then removed with his family to Dickinson county, establishing his home upon a farm near Lake Park. There he lived for a number of years and in 1911 he removed to Montgomery, where he continued until his death, enjoying during that period the fruits of his former toil in a well earned rest. His was a well spent life, honorable in its purposes and upright in all its dealings. He held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and when called to his final home he was laid to rest in the Spirit Lake cemetery, leaving a widow and children to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father. Mrs. Wicks still owns the residence in Montgomery where her husband died and is widely known there, having a large circle of warm friends.

SAMUEL M. BAKER.

Samuel M. Baker, a farmer of Emmet township, Emmet county, owning two hundred and forty-five acres of improved land on section 21 and 22, was born in Morgan county, Indiana, November 24, 1863, a son of J. C. and Sarah J. (Denney) Baker, who were also natives of that state, where the mother is still living, the father having passed away in 1915. In their family were eight children, six of whom yet survive.

Samuel M. Baker was reared and educated in the Hoosier state and afterward removed to Champaign county, Illinois, where he cultivated a rented farm until 1910. In that year he arrived in Emmet county, Iowa, and purchased the farm upon which he now resides on sections 21 and 22, Emmet township, comprising two hundred and forty-five acres of rich and productive land which he has brought under a high state

of cultivation. The place is well improved with modern farm buildings and equipment and his labors are bringing to him a substantial measure of success. He raises stock in addition to the cultivation of the fields and that branch of his business adds materially to his income.

In 1888 Mr. Baker was united in marriage to Miss Mary V. Roberts, a native of Illinois and a daughter of Thomas and Jennie (Norton) Roberts, the former now deceased, while the latter is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have become the parents of eight children: Alice, who died in infancy; Samuel Clinton, twenty-six years old; Wylie and Angeline, both deceased; Rosco Cameron and Allen, twins, the former of whom is living and is seventeen years old while the latter died in infancy; Robert Maurice, who is eleven years of age; and John Calvin, six years old.

Fraternally Mr. Baker is connected with the Odd Fellows and with the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and while he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day he has never been an office seeker. He has always preferred to concentrate his thought, purpose, effort and attention upon his business affairs and is today one of the prominent farmers of Emmet county—a self-made man, whose diligence has been the basis of his growing success.

JOHN MILLER.

John Miller, who owns and successfully operates a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Lincoln township, Emmet county, is a native of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Whiteside county, Oct. 3, 1868. His parents, Andy and Fannie (Miller) Miller, were both born in Ireland, but in early life came to America, and settled in Pennsylvania. From that state they removed to Whiteside county, Illinois, and later came to Iowa, locating on a farm in Franklin county, where both continued to reside until called to their final rest. To them were born six children, George, Andrew, Mathew, John, Frank and Robert, all of whom are still living.

John Miller was reared upon the home farm in Franklin county, Iowa, and early became familiar with agricultural pursuits. His literary education was acquired in the local schools and after putting aside his textbooks he assisted in the operation of the home farm until he attained his majority. Subsequently he engaged in farming on rented land for five years, but in 1902 came to Emmet county and purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 34, Lincoln township. He has placed the land under excellent cultivation and has met with success in its operation. For several years he has also engaged in auctioneering, being a graduate of an auctioneering school at Trenton, Missouri.

In 1890 Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Schulz, a native of Franklin county, Iowa, who died in 1903 leaving three children, namely: Gladys I., now the wife of Clifford Martin, of New York state; William I.; and Robert G. On the 26th of April, 1910, Mr. Miller was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Jennie (Nau) Hunt, who was born in Sheffield, Iowa, and is a daughter of Jacob and Ellen (Morris) Nau. Her parents were natives of Wisconsin, whence they came to Iowa, but subsequently removed to Crookston, Minnesota, where they are now living. By the second marriage Mr. Miller has two children, Marvin J. and Ellen A. Mrs. Miller has a son by her former marriage, Melvin L. Hunt.

Mr. Miller takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs and by his ballot supports the men and measures of the republican party, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, preferring to devote his undivided attention to his business interests. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows lodge at Grimes, Iowa, and is also identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. An upright, honorable business man, the success that comes to him is well deserved and he has the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

P. P. WOLDEN.

P. P. Wolden, deceased, was one of the representative farmers of Emmet county, his home being on section 14, High Lake township. He was a native of Norway and on coming to America in 1866 first located in Fillmore county, Minnesota, where he resided for thirteen years. In 1880 he came to Emmet county, Iowa, and took up his abode upon the farm in High Lake township, where he continued to reside throughout the remainder of his life.

In early life Mr. Wolden married Miss Bertha Bergum, who was also born in Norway, and they became the parents of ten children, seven of whom are still living, namely: J. M., who was born September 21, 1880, is a registered pharmacist, and is now one of the supervisors of Emmet county; A. T., who was born December 25, 1883, is engaged in keeping bees in partnership with his brother J. M., they having one of the largest apiaries in northern Iowa, and is now township clerk of High Lake township; B. O., who was born October 23, 1886, and now has the management and operation of the home farm; C. F., who was born December 24, 1889, and is now proprietor of a music store at Graettinger, Iowa; Hannah, the wife of C. H. Danielson, of Estherville; Petra, the wife of L. B. Nelson, of Wallingford; and Ella, the wife of Iver Nelson, of Swan Lake township, Emmet county.

Mr. Wolden was one of the active and enterprising farmers of his locality, owning and operating sixty-five acres of land on section 14, High Lake township, and he continued to make his home thereon until

1908, when called to his final rest. He held several township and school offices. His widow survives and is still a valued resident of Emmet county.

DANIEL MUNSON.

The agricultural interests of Dickinson county find a worthy representative in Daniel Munson, who is engaged in farming on section 11, Superior township. He was born in Norway on the 14th of November, 1842, and is a son of Mons Danielson, who spent his entire life in that country. In the common schools of his native land Mr. Munson acquired his education and there continued to reside until after his marriage, which occurred in 1871, Miss Sarah Olsen becoming his wife. Believing that he could better his condition by coming to the new world, in 1875 he crossed the Atlantic and took up his residence in Winneshiek county, Iowa, where he made his home for about fourteen years. He then removed to Emmet county, where the following three years were spent and at the end of that time became a resident of Dickinson county, where he has now lived for twenty-four years. Previous to his removal to this county he purchased his present farm and since residing thereon has successfully engaged in its operation.

To Mr. and Mrs. Munson have been born twelve children, nine of whom are still living, namely: Ole, a resident of Dickinson county; Hattie, the wife of Andrew Anderson, of Robertson county, South Dakota; John, who makes his home in Estherville, Iowa; Martin and Sever, both residents of Regan, North Dakota; Ida, the wife of William Nelson, of Emmet county, Iowa; Peter, of Sioux City; and Emma and Albert, both at home, the latter now operating the farm. The family hold membership in the Norwegian Lutheran church and have the respect and esteem of all who know them. In politics Mr. Munson is a republican.

IRWIN J. ROBINSON.

Irwin J. Robinson owns and occupies the southwest quarter of section 26, Emmet township, in Emmet county, on which he has resided continuously for about thirteen years. He was born in Wright county, Iowa, November 2, 1870, and is a son of John M. and Martha (Rowan) Robinson, the former a native of Ireland, while the latter was born in New Hampshire. The father followed the occupation of farming in Wright county, but when his son Irwin was eight years of age removed with his family to Cerro Gordo county, where he lived for eight years. In 1886 he came to Emmet county and invested in land in Estherville township, where he carried on farming for eight or ten years. At length

he retired from active business life, taking up his abode in Estherville, where he passed away in 1913, his remains being interred in the Oak Hill cemetery. His widow still survives and is now living with her daughter, who is the wife of Dr. W. E. Bradley.

Irwin J. Robinson completed his education by study in the Estherville schools, which he attended to the age of eighteen years, and by one winter's study in the Capital City Commercial College at Des Moines. He continued to assist his father until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when he purchased the old homestead, upon which he lived until 1897. Through the succeeding four years he cultivated a rented farm in Denmark township and in 1901 he purchased land upon which he lived for a year and a half. He then sold out and went to Manitoba, Canada, but later returned to Emmet county and for a few months engaged in the grocery business in Estherville. He then repurchased his former property, comprising the southwest quarter of section 26, Emmet township, whereon he has since engaged in general agricultural pursuits, raising the crops best adapted to climatic conditions here.

In 1897 Mr. Robinson was united in marriage to Miss Florence Haynes, a daughter of C. I. Haynes, of Estherville, where he still resides. His wife, however, passed away during the early girlhood of Mrs. Robinson, who by her marriage has become the mother of three children, Merle, Dorothy and Ralph, all in school. In his political views Mr. Robinson is a republican and is filling the office of township clerk at the present time and also serving as secretary of the school board. His religious belief is that of the Methodist church and his life measures up to high standards, for he displays many sterling traits such as win respect and regard in every land and clime. His life has been one of diligence and his success is the legitimate and merited outcome of his own labor.

REUBEN E. DONALDSON.

Numbered among the honored dead of Dickinson county appears the name of Reuben E. Donaldson, who for many years was prominently identified with the business and political interests of Milford. A native of Iowa, he was born in Waterloo, Black Hawk county, August 4, 1866, and was a son of Henry and Nancy Donaldson, the former born in New York and the latter in Kentucky. At an early day Henry Donaldson became a resident of Black Hawk county and he purchased land where the city of Waterloo is now located. There he followed farming for a number of years but in 1875 came to Dickinson county and purchased a farm, whereon he spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1879. His widow now makes her home in Milford.

Reuben E. Donaldson began his education in the schools of Waterloo, being about nine years of age on the removal of the family to Dickinson county, where he completed his studies. In early life he followed farm-

ing for a time but after his marriage became a traveling salesman, selling farm implements for eleven years. He began dealing in real estate in 1904 but two years later turned his attention to the automobile business in Milford, in which line he continued up to the time of his death. He was killed in an automobile race at Spirit Lake on the 13th of August, 1915. Widely and favorably known, he left many friends as well as his immediate family to mourn his loss and it is estimated that two thousand people attended his funeral, there being over one hundred and fifty automobiles in the funeral procession.

In November, 1885, Mr. Donaldson was united in marriage to Miss Flora Geissinger, a daughter of J. W. and Mary (Boden) Geissinger, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume.

To Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson were born six children, namely: Mrs. J. I. Clinite, of Estherville; Elta, now the wife of L. D. Frisbee, of Sheldon, Iowa; Orville; Grant; Louis; and Flavius. The sons now have charge of the automobile business founded by their father, carrying on operations under the name of Donaldson Brothers. The car in which the father was killed was built by the sons and it was first used in a race on the Indianapolis speedway. Mr. Donaldson owned the first automobile brought to Milford and he always had great faith in that town and in the automobile business, two large garages in the town now standing as monuments to that faith.

The republican party always found in Mr. Donaldson a stanch supporter of its principles and his fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, called upon him to serve on the town council and also as mayor of Milford. He was a member of the Congregational church and fraternally belonged to the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the United Commercial Travelers of Iowa. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him and the confidence reposed in him was never misplaced.

FRANK J. SWANLUND.

Frank J. Swanlund, who carries on general farming on section 13, Diamond Lake township, Dickinson county, was born in Sweden, October 29, 1872, a son of Charles and Hulda Swanlund, who were also natives of that country. The mother died in Sweden, after which the father came to the United States in 1880 and settled in Webster county, Iowa. There he resided until 1893 when he came to Dickinson county, where he lived for five years, but afterward returned to Webster county, where he still makes his home. To him and his wife were born three children, all of whom survive.

Frank J. Swanlund was reared and educated in Webster county and supplemented his common school course by study in a college at Des

Moines. He afterward began farming on his own account, cultivating a tract of rented land for two years, during which period he carefully saved his earnings until he was able, as a result of his industry and economy, to purchase the farm upon which he now resides on section 13, Diamond Lake township, known as the Pleasant View Farm. This he has improved with good buildings, having a comfortable residence, while substantial barns and sheds furnish ample shelter for grain and stock. He makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock, and thus adds materially to his annual income.

Mr. Swanlund has been married twice. In 1899 he wedded Miss Vivian Fader, and they became parents of four children, Verlin, Gladys, Jessie and Bessie. In 1915 Mr. Swanlund was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Olive (Allen) Person, the widow of Luther Person. By her former marriage she had three children, Raymond J., Marion E., and Lloyd C. Mrs. Swanlund is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Swanlund has membership in the Knights of Pythias lodge. Politically he is a republican and is now serving as assessor of his township. He may truly be called a self-made man, for all that he possesses has been acquired since he came to the new world. As the years have passed he has worked diligently and persistently, and substantial prosperity is now his.

A. T. GUTHRIE.

A. T. Guthrie, a resident farmer of Milford township, Dickinson county, owns and cultivates a valuable tract of land of two hundred and fifteen acres on section 18, and in his farm work displays progressive methods. He was born in Milford, June 5, 1883, a son of John and Lena (Tillson) Guthrie, who were of Scotch descent, the former a native of Wisconsin, while the latter was born in the state of New York. They became early settlers of Dickinson county and Mr. Guthrie purchased the Okoboji mill in Okoboji township which he operated for a little more than a year. He then purchased a farm and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, making a specialty of buying stock. He also engaged in auctioneering and to these various lines gave his attention until, having acquired a handsome competence, he retired from active business, since which time he and his wife have made their home in Milford.

A. T. Guthrie pursued his education in the schools of Milford which he attended until he reached the age of seventeen, after which he worked for his father until he had attained his majority. He then purchased the Okoboji mill which he conducted for twenty months, when he sold that property and bought the George O'Farrell farm in Milford township. This he cultivated for about four years, at the end of which time he purchased two hundred and fifteen acres on the west half of section

18, Milford township. This is all well drained and excellent improvements have been made upon it, converting it into a valuable farm.

In 1905 Mr. Guthrie was married to Miss Volda Christopherson, a native of Norway. Her father died during her infancy, but her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Christopherson, is still living in that country. Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie have become parents of eight children, May, Dena, John, Louise, Glenn, Amrett, Lena and an infant son. The parents hold membership in the Congregational church and they enjoy the esteem, confidence and goodwill of all who know them. Mr. Guthrie's success has been won through hard work and perseverance, for he started out in the business world empty handed. He has never allowed difficulties or obstacles to bar his path. They have rather served as a stimulus for renewed effort on his part, and his life of diligence and determination has made him one of the representative agriculturists of the county.

KNUD THOMSEN.

Knud Thomsen, one of the excellent citizens of Denmark township, Emmet county, who are natives of Denmark, is devoting his time to farming and has never had occasion to regret his choice of a life work. He was born on the 30th of January, 1867, and is a son of Thomas and Marie (Jensen) Thomsen, who removed from Denmark to Schleswig, Germany, when their son Knud was but a year old. The father was a laborer and passed his entire life in Europe. The mother also died there. To them were born five children, but Mr. Thomsen of this review was the only one to emigrate to the United States.

The public schools of Schleswig afforded Knud Thomsen his educational opportunities and following his confirmation he worked on farms until he was twenty-three, with the exception of a year devoted to military training. The first five years of his residence in the United States were spent in the state of New York, where he worked on farms. In 1894 he went to Grundy county, Iowa, and there he rented land for eleven years, but in 1905 removed to Swan Lake township, Emmet county, where for four years he operated land belonging to others. He next rented three hundred and twenty acres of land on section 8, Denmark township, and in 1914 bought one hundred and twenty acres located on section 34, that township, on which he expects to take up his abode in the spring of 1917. He began his independent career empty handed but enterprise and progressiveness, which are among his most salient characteristics, have enabled him to realize his purpose of becoming a landowner. He understands thoroughly the methods of agriculture best adapted to this region and his continued success seems assured.

In 1889 Mr. Thomsen was united in marriage to Miss Gina Nielsen, a daughter of Johannes and Ingeborg (Balmer) Nielsen, natives of Denmark, where the father is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Thomsen have

seven children, namely: Thomas; Ingeborg, the wife of Herman Madsen, of Denmark township; Marie, who married Hans Carstensen, also of Denmark township; and John, Andrew, Frederick and Eleanore, all at home.

Mr. Thomsen is a strong republican and can be counted upon to loyally support the candidates and measures of that party. He is serving his third term as township trustee, his continuance in that office being evidence of his efficiency. His religious faith is indicated by the fact he is a communicant of St. Paul's Danish Lutheran church and fraternally he is connected with Denmarks Minde. He is highly spoken of wherever known and his personal friends are many.

OLE ANDERSON BJORKJONLI.

Ole Anderson Bjorkjonli, a retired farmer living in Estherville, has been a resident of Emmet county for thirty-four years and a life of well directed energy and thrift has brought him to a place where he is now in possession of a comfortable competence that enables him to rest from further labors. He was born in Norway on the 14th of May, 1842, and is a son of Andrew and Mary (Olson) Jorgenson, who came to the United States in 1868, a year after the arrival of their son, Ole Anderson Bjorkjonli, in this country. They settled in Worth county, Iowa, and there the mother passed away in 1881, after which the father made his home with his son Ole until his death, which occurred in 1904.

Mr. Bjorkjonli acquired a limited education in the common schools of Norway and in 1867 came to the United States, establishing his home in Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, after one year spent in Winneshiek county, Iowa. In Cerro Gordo county he purchased one hundred acres of land and began farming on his own account. The same year he made further preparations for a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Hannah Paulson, also a native of Norway, who came to the United States with her parents when in her fifteenth year.

Mr. Bjorkjonli became a resident of Emmet county in 1882, but in 1876 he purchased two hundred and forty acres of land, upon which he took up his abode six years later. In subsequent years he added to his holdings from time to time as his financial resources increased until his farm comprised almost a full section of land. Later, however, he sold a portion of this property but still owns four hundred acres in Emmet county and two hundred and forty acres in Todd and Cass counties, of Minnesota, his landed possessions affording him an excellent annual income. While upon the farm he converted his place into rich and productive fields, from which he annually gathered good harvests that enabled him to put aside something from his earnings year by year until in 1906, possessing a handsome competence, he retired from active farm life and removed to Estherville, where he has since made his home, enjoying a rest

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which he has truly earned and richly deserves. In the meantime Mr. Bjorkjonli broadened the scope of his activities by becoming one of the organizers of the Emmet County Farmers' Coöperative Insurance Company and upon its organization was made a member of its board of directors, in which position he has served continuously since, covering twenty-four years, while for the past sixteen years he has been treasurer of the company. He is now agent for several Scandinavian steamship lines but otherwise has no active business connections.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bjorkjonli have been born thirteen children, eight of whom still survive, as follows: Albert, who follows farming in Emmet township, Emmet county; George, who is engaged in the land business at Estherville, Iowa; John, an agriculturist of Clearwater county, Minnesota; Isaac, who follows farming in Todd county, Minnesota; Josephine, the wife of Frank Doyle, of St. Paul, Minnesota; Nettie, the wife of Edward Koenecke, who operates one of Mr. Bjorkjonli's farms in Emmet county; Jacob, a student in the Iowa State University; and Jennie, the wife of Lawrence Sargeant, who cultivates the old home farm of Mr. Bjorkjonli.

Politically Mr. Bjorkjonli is a republican, having long supported the party. He served as township trustee for fifteen years and as justice of the peace for about the same length of time and in both offices discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity, his decisions as justice being strictly fair and impartial—a fact which is indicated by his long retention in the office. He has been officially connected with the schools for many years as a member of the school board and he has put forth every possible effort to advance the welfare of the community and uphold its civic standards. Mr. and Mrs. Bjorkjonli are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and are numbered among the well known and highly esteemed residents of this part of the state. Laudable ambition prompted Mr. Bjorkjonli to sever home ties in early manhood and seek his fortune in the new world. With the passing years he has made steady progress and his energy and determination have enabled him to overcome all difficulties and obstacles in his path. His life record should serve to inspire and encourage others, showing what may be accomplished through individual effort and proving also that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

J. P. NELSON.

J. P. Nelson, a well known implement and hardware dealer of Montgomery, Dickinson county, was born at Jewell, Iowa, on the 2d of May, 1881. His parents, Peter and Tina Nelson, were both natives of Denmark and there resided until 1868, when they came to America. For two years they lived at Marshalltown, Iowa, but at the end of that time removed to Hamilton county, where they resided for many years.

There the mother died in 1908 and in 1913 the father removed to Los Angeles, California. To them were born three children, all of whom survive.

J. P. Nelson grew to manhood in Hamilton county and after completing the course offered in the public schools there was a student in the Lutheran College at Jewell. Subsequently he engaged in the harness business at Jewell in partnership with his father, but at length disposed of his interests in that enterprise and for a year and a half owned and conducted a livery stable at Jewell. At the expiration of that period his father retired from business and J. P. Nelson sold out his interest in the livery barn and became a fireman on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad. Three years later he purchased a farm, which he operated for six years and then sold. He next bought the implement and hardware business in Montgomery which he is still conducting and which has proved very profitable. He carries the largest stock of implements and hardware to be found in the county and has always followed the policy of giving the customer the benefit of the doubt. The wisdom of this course is evidenced by the large and representative trade which he has built up. He has other business interests, owning four buildings in Montgomery.

In 1901 Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Millie Johnson, a native of Jewell, and they have four children, Peter, Wilhelm, Charles and Mildred. Mr. Nelson is a stanch adherent of the republican party but has never been an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his energies upon the conduct of his business. He belongs to Beach Lodge, No. 452, I. O. O. F., and to Republic Lodge, No. 468, A. F. & A. M., both of Jewell. In all that he does he manifests a progressive spirit, enterprise and good judgment and these qualities have not only been the foundation of the success which he has already achieved, but are also the best guarantee that still greater prosperity is in store for him in the future.

HANS MORTENSEN.

Hans Mortensen, who is engaged in general farming and stock raising on section 35, Denmark township, is one of the representative agriculturists of Emmet county. He was born in Denmark on the 26th of January, 1856, and is a son of Martin and Karen (Wine) Mortensen, now deceased. In the family were nine children. The parents never came to the United States, but continued residents of Denmark throughout life. By occupation the father was a brewer.

Hans Mortensen attended the public schools of Denmark until confirmed and two years were later devoted to military training. In early life he learned the cigar maker's trade, which he followed in his native land until twenty-seven years of age, when he resolved to try his fortune in the new world and sailed for America. He first located in Cook

county, Illinois, where he worked as a farm hand for two years, and then removed to Humboldt county, Iowa, where he continued in the employ of others for some time. At length, however, he was able to engage in farming on his own account upon rented land and in 1893 purchased the northeast quarter of section 35, Denmark township, Emmet county, to the improvement and cultivation of which he has since devoted his time and attention with good results. He has converted the tract into a fine farm and has devoted considerable attention to the raising of full blooded stock, making a specialty of Percheron horses.

In 1891, Mr. Mortensen was united in marriage to Miss Kate Koll, a daughter of Adolph and Mary (Engle) Koll, who are natives of Germany and Denmark respectively. On coming to this country they first located in Humboldt county, Iowa, but are now residents of Denmark township, Emmet county. Mr. and Mrs. Mortensen have twelve children, namely: Carl, Adolph, Peter, Caroline, Mary, Hans, Jr., Frederick, Anna, Amanda, Martin, Frances and Henrietta.

For a number of years Mr. Mortensen was president of the Forsythe Creamery Company, and he has served as school director and road supervisor in his district. In politics he is a democrat and in religious faith is a Lutheran, holding membership in St. John's church. He is one of the representative farmers of his community and is held in high esteem by all who know him.

LEWIS IVERSON.

Lewis Iverson, who owns and cultivates one hundred and sixty acres of excellent farm land on section 25, High Lake township, has throughout his entire life been identified with agricultural interests. He was born in that township on a farm that had been homesteaded by his parents, John and Julia Iverson, in 1865. The father was a native of Norway and was thirty-nine years of age when he took up his claim in Emmet county. After coming to the new world he had resided for some time in Wisconsin and was there married, his wife being a native of that state. They became closely associated with the pioneer development of northwestern Iowa, aiding in reclaiming this region for the purposes of civilization. They remained valued residents of the district for many years but in 1901 removed to South Dakota. There the father died the following year and his remains were brought back for interment in High Lake cemetery. Mrs. Iverson survived him until 1912. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom six are yet living, three being residents of South Dakota and two of North Dakota.

The other member of the family is Lewis Iverson of this review, whose early associations were such as fall to the lot of most boys who are reared upon a farm. He attended the district schools until he reached the age of sixteen years and in the school of experience has since

learned many valuable lessons. After that time he concentrated his efforts upon farm work upon the old homestead, assisting his father until he reached the age of twenty-six, when he began farming on his own account, purchasing the southwest quarter of section 25, High Lake township, whereon he now resides. He has converted the place into a valuable and productive farm, which he conducts according to modern progressive ideas of agriculture.

In High Lake township Mr. Iverson was united in marriage to Miss Ella Johnson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, of Mitchell county, Iowa, both of whom have now passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Iverson have become the parents of four children: Edith, the wife of Robert Elsenbast, of Palo Alto county, Iowa; and Gladys, Elmer and Mabel, all at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Iverson give loyal support to the Norwegian Lutheran church, in which they hold membership. His political endorsement is given to the republican party, in the work of which he has been somewhat active, serving for three years as county trustee. The major part of his thought, time and attention, however, have been given to his agricultural interests and by hard work he has become the owner of a well improved farm, while at the same time he has developed a character that commands the respect and goodwill of all who know him.

ROY D. CARSON.

Roy D. Carson, a well known resident of Armstrong, is one of Iowa's native sons, his birth occurring in Union, Hardin county, October 23, 1882. His parents were Eli William and Melissa (Humphrey) Carson, natives of Indiana and Ohio respectively. During the Civil war the father served in the Union army for three years and eight months and was holding the rank of lieutenant when mustered out. He afterward removed to Cresco, Iowa, where he purchased land and engaged in farming for some time. Subsequently he owned and operated a farm near Union in Hardin county for many years, but finally retired from active labor and removed to Union, where he was living at the time of his death, which occurred in October, 1915, when he was seventy-nine years of age. His wife had passed away in 1901.

In the public schools of Union, Iowa, Roy D. Carson acquired his education and in early life he learned the barber's trade, at which he worked in different places until 1914. In 1908 he had become a resident of Armstrong, Emmet county, and since selling his barber shop there has conducted a billiard hall at that place and has also engaged in the real estate business, handling Iowa, Minnesota and North and South Dakota lands. To some extent he has also followed auctioneering. He owns the building in which he is now engaged in business and also a nice residence in Armstrong.

On the 31st of March, 1905, Mr. Carson married Miss Lulu Shea, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Shea, and they have one child, Virginia, born in 1915. In religious faith they are Methodists, and Mr. Carson is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. The republican party finds in him a stanch supporter of its principles and he takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs. Wherever known he is held in high esteem and he has a host of friends in and around Armstrong.

ELMER E. CRUMB.

Elmer E. Crumb, who owns and operates a valuable farm in Emmet township, was born in New York state on the 30th of August, 1862, a son of John and Maria H. (Nye) Crumb, also natives of that state. In 1866 the family removed to Emmet county, Iowa, and the father homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres on section 24, Emmet township. That was in the early period of the development of the county and for a number of years the family lived in a log cabin, while the other conditions of life were such as are usually found in an unsettled region. The mother passed away on the 13th of March, 1875, and on the 5th of October, 1886, the father likewise responded to the final summons. To them were born seven children but two are now deceased.

Elmer E. Crumb was reared in Emmet county, being but four years of age when brought here by his parents, and his education was that afforded by the pioneer schools. On attaining his majority he took over the management of the homestead and subsequently purchased one hundred acres of the place. He still owns that property and as the years have passed has made his farm one of the best improved in the township. He has erected commodious and substantial buildings and sees to it that everything is kept in excellent repair. He divides his time and attention between grain farming and stock raising and feels that he thus secures the greatest possible return from his land.

On the 12th of December, 1888, Mr. Crumb was married to Miss Sadie A. Butler, who was born in Minnesota, a daughter of Uriel and Amy (Comstock) Butler, natives of New York, who became early settlers of Wisconsin, whence they removed to Minnesota. The mother died on the 26th of April, 1896, in Palo Alto county, but the father survived until January 29, 1911, and died in Emmet county. Mrs. Crumb is one of six children, of whom but two survive, and by her marriage has become the mother of three children, namely: Frank W.; Elma L., at home; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Crumb is a stanch advocate of republican principles and is faithful in the discharge of all his duties as a citizen. He is especially interested in the welfare of the schools and for several years was a member of the school board. Both he and his wife belong to the Bap-

tist church and his fraternal affiliation is with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is very loyal to the interests of the county, in which almost his entire life has been spent, and is satisfied that the opportunities here offered the agriculturist cannot be surpassed elsewhere.

ANDREW ANDERSON.

For more than fifteen years Andrew Anderson has been a resident of Emmet county, where he has a large and well developed farm property, regarded as one of the finest farms of his section of the state. In March, 1917, however, he retired to Estherville, there to spend his remaining days in the enjoyment of a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. He was born in Norway, March 24, 1855, a son of Andrew Osmundson and Helga Peterson. They were the parents of a family of eleven children, five sons and six daughters, of whom five now lie buried in Norway, while six are yet living, four sisters of the family having come to the United States.

At the usual age Andrew Anderson became a pupil in the common schools of Norway, which he attended until he reached the age of fifteen. He worked for his father on the farm until 1870. Bidding adieu to friends and native land, he sailed for the new world and crossed the continent to Grundy county, Illinois, where he was employed at farm labor for three years. In 1873 he was joined by his parents in Grundy county and they lived with Mr. Anderson, who in that year purchased a farm. He prospered as time passed and ultimately became the owner of two excellent farms in that locality. In 1899 the parents removed to Hamilton county, Iowa, to live with their daughter, Anna, the wife of Thomas Thompson, and there both the father and mother passed away. It was in 1901 that Mr. Anderson severed his connection with Illinois and came to Iowa, establishing his home in Emmet county, where he purchased the northwest quarter of section 10 and the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of the same section. He is now the owner of two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land, constituting one of the finest farms of the county. His place has been well tiled, affording excellent draining and thus greatly enhancing the productiveness of his fields. His farm is also well stocked with cattle and hogs and his live stock interests constitute an important source of revenue to him. He uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields and annually gathers good harvests, which are the reward of well directed effort and ability. However his farm does not constitute the sole evidence of his life of well directed thrift and industry, for other substantial business interests profit by his coöperation and financial support, as he is now a stockholder in the Farmers Savings Bank, the creamery and the Farmers Elevator at Wallingford.

In 1874 Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Christina

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Iverson, a daughter of Iver Longland, of Grundy county, Illinois. They became the parents of eight children: Andrew N., now living in Winnebago county, Minnesota, Ed, a resident of Joliet, Illinois; Henry, whose home is in Jack Creek township; Olin, living in the same township; Julius, who is located in Twelve Mile Lake township; Bert, of Jack Creek township; Martha, the wife of Andrew Thompson, of Jack Creek township; and Anna, the wife of Henry Sievol, of Radcliffe, Iowa. The wife and mother of these children passed away in Grundy county, Illinois, and was laid to rest in a cemetery at Saratoga, that state. For his second wife Mr. Anderson chose Josephine Bravik Johnson, of La Salle county, Illinois, and they had a daughter, Clara, who passed away at the age of seventeen and was buried in Saratoga, Illinois, by the side of her mother. In 1897 Mr. Anderson was again married, at which time Johanna Jurgenson, a native of Norway, became his wife. There are three sons and a daughter of this marriage: George, now living in Estherville; and Alfred, Joseph, and Myrtle, all at home.

Mr. Anderson has always been desirous that his children should have good educational opportunities and for ten years he acceptably served as school director in High Lake township. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and his religious faith is that of the Norwegian Lutheran church. His life has indeed been an active and useful one and he is numbered among those who have aided largely in winning for Iowa its well earned reputation of being one of the foremost agricultural states of the Union.

R. S. HARRIS.

R. S. Harris, proprietor of the Lake Road Farm on section 2, Armstrong Grove township, Emmet county, is a native of the neighboring state of Illinois. He was born in Carroll county, April 19, 1868, and is a son of John and Eliza (Hanna) Harris. The parents were both natives of Ireland, but in early life came to America and located in New York state, where they made their home for a time. From there they removed to Illinois, and Mr. Harris purchased a farm in Carroll county, which he operated until ten years prior to his death when he retired from active life. He passed away in August, 1903, and his wife survived him for about two years, dying in May, 1905.

R. S. Harris is indebted to the public schools of his native county for his early education and he remained with his parents until twenty-five years of age. He then rented his father's farm, which he successfully operated for five years, and at the end of that time removed to Black Hawk county, Iowa. One year later he became a resident of Emmet county and purchased two hundred and forty-five acres in Armstrong Grove township, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted the following thirteen years. On disposing of that place he

bought a half section, a part of which was on section 1 and the remainder on section 2 of Armstrong Grove township, but he subsequently sold a quarter of section 1. He has made many excellent improvements upon the remainder of his land and in its operation and cultivation has met with marked success. In connection with general farming he pays particular attention to stock, and feeds a carload of cattle and hogs for the market every year.

On the 19th of February, 1895, Mr. Harris married Miss Margaret Calder, a daughter of William and Catherine (McKay) Calder, who were natives of Nova Scotia. There her father died in 1865 and her mother, who long survived him, passed away on the 30th of October, 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have four children, namely: Willis and Wilbur, twins, born August 6, 1896; Ransom C., born August 16, 1899; and Charles R., born February 3, 1907.

In politics Mr. Harris is a stanch republican and his fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called upon him to fill positions of trust and responsibility. For the past twelve years he has served as assessor and has also filled the office of trustee of Armstrong Grove township for four years. He is the present secretary of the Farmers Telephone Company, president of the Farmers Elevator Company of Armstrong and vice president of the Farmers Improvement Association of Emmet county. He is also a member of the Armstrong Consolidated high school board and is a trustee of the Presbyterian church, to which he and his wife belong. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Yeomen lodge, and in both social and business circles he occupies an enviable position, having the confidence and respect of all with whom he is brought in contact.

ALNA V. ANDERSON.

Among the enterprising business men of Dolliver who are contributing to the commercial expansion of the place is Alna V. Anderson, the proprietor of a general store. He was born in Hancock county, Iowa, on the 28th of October, 1886, of the marriage of Andrew and Inger Anderson, who are natives of Sweden but who have lived in America since childhood. For many years the father engaged in farming in Hancock county but they are now living at Armstrong, Iowa. All of their three children survive.

Alna V. Anderson was reared under the parental roof and received his education in the country schools of Emmet county and in the high school at Armstrong, from which he was graduated. In 1914 he went into business for himself, establishing a general store at Dolliver, which he has since conducted with gratifying success. He gives a great deal of thought to the selection of his stock, keeping in mind the particular requirements of his customers, and is up-to-date in his methods of display-

ing and selling his goods. He has gained an enviable reputation for square dealing and his patronage has shown a steady increase.

In January, 1914, Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Estella Baker and they have a son, Paul. The republican party has a stanch adherent in Mr. Anderson and both he and his wife are Methodists in religious affiliation. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic blue lodge and with the Royal Arch chapter and in his daily life seeks to practice the teachings of the craft.

PETER JOHNSON.

Peter Johnson, residing on section 6, Lloyd township, has spent his entire life in Dickinson county, being born on the farm where he now resides, March 3, 1876, and a representative of an old and honored pioneer family of this county. His parents, Jacob and Mary (Larsdatter) Johnson, were natives of Norway, where they were reared and married and where they continued to reside until after the birth of their oldest child. It was in 1866 that they crossed the Atlantic to the United States and located in Wisconsin. In 1870 they came to Dickinson county, Iowa, and the father homesteaded the quarter section in Lloyd township on which his son Peter now resides. On coming to this locality they drove from Fort Dodge in a wagon, which also contained their household goods and during the early days experienced all the hardships and difficulties of pioneer life. They passed through the grasshopper scourge but at length prosperity crowned their efforts and in due course of time the father acquired five hundred and sixty acres of land, which has since been divided among his sons. He continued to reside upon his original homestead until his death, which occurred on the 26th of December, 1906. His widow is still living at the age of eighty-two years and makes her home with our subject.

Peter Johnson passed his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and by assisting in the work of the farm became thoroughly familiar with agricultural pursuits, while at the same time he pursued his literary studies in the district school. As early as his eighteenth year he practically assumed the operation of the home farm of two hundred and forty acres and has continued in charge of the same, which is still a part of the estate left by his father. He owns one hundred and sixty acres constituting the northeast quarter of section 17, Westport township, Dickinson county, and he also owns the southwest quarter of section 12, Milford township, both of these tracts being now operated by tenants.

On the 10th of June, 1901, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Christina Hendricksen, a native of Jasper county, Iowa, whose parents came to this country from Denmark in 1868 and located in Kellogg, Iowa, where her father was employed on the Chicago, Rock

Island & Pacific Railroad for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have three children: Julius Valoris, Lavanna and Martin.

In his political affiliations Mr. Johnson is a republican and for several years he served as a member of the school board. Both he and his wife are faithful members of the Seventh Day Advantist church and he is one of the trustees of the church. An enterprising and energetic business man, he has met with success in his farming operations and is today numbered among the representative citizens of his community—a man honored and esteemed wherever known.

SOLOMON SOLOMONSON.

Thrift and enterprise have characterized the business career of Solomon Solomonson, who is now farming on section 6, Swan Lake township, Emmet county. He was born in Lee county, Illinois, September 4, 1864, and is a son of Lars and Ragnilda (Winterton) Solomonson, who were natives of Norway and in 1858 came to the United States, establishing their home in Lee county, Illinois, where the father passed away in 1876. His widow still survives and yet makes her home in that county.

At the usual age Solomon Solomonson became a pupil in the public schools of his native county and no event of special importance occurred to vary for him the routine of farm life during the days of his boyhood and youth. On the 8th of July, 1886, however, occurred an important event—his marriage to Miss Emma Johnson, who was born in La Salle county, Illinois, and whose parents came from Norway in the '50s.

It was in March, 1888, that Mr. Solomonson left Illinois and removed to Iowa, establishing his home in Swan Lake township, Emmet county. Six years later he bought his first farm land, making investment in his present place of two hundred and seven acres, on which he has now resided for twenty-three years. His labors have wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of the place, converting it into highly productive fields from which he annually gathers good harvests. The place is well fenced and well improved with modern buildings and an air of neatness and thrift pervades the farm and indicates Mr. Solomonson as one of the progressive agriculturists of his county.

Mr. and Mrs. Solomonson are the parents of five children, as follows: Retta L., who is the wife of Jacob Taylor, of Gruver, Emmet county; Harvey A., who follows farming in Center township, Emmet county; Laurence M., a carpenter living at home; and Orvie A. and Albert, who are also yet under the parental roof. In his political views Mr. Solomonson is a republican and has served as a member of the school board, but otherwise has not sought nor cared to fill public office. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and he holds membership in the Norwegian Lutheran church. His life is

actuated by high and honorable principles and worthy motives. There have been no sensational chapters in his career, but fidelity to duty and unfaltering industry in business have won him success and an honored name.

T. W. MINER.

T. W. Miner is one of the substantial farmers of Richland township, Dickinson county, owning and operating a good farm on section 16. He is one of Iowa's native sons, his birth occurring in Benton county, August 2, 1862, and he is a son of Hiram and Mary (Anderson) Miner, who were born in Illinois and Ohio, respectively. During their childhood they were taken by their parents to Benton county, Iowa, where they were subsequently married, and then located on a farm in that county, living thereon until the death of the father, which occurred in September, 1913. The mother is still living and now resides in Blairstown, Benton county.

T. W. Miner pursued his studies in the district schools near his boyhood home and aided in the work of the farm. After reaching man's estate he and his brothers operated the farm up to 1896, when he came to Dickinson county and purchased his present place, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres on section 16, Richland township. In 1900, however, he returned to Benton county and for the following eight years had charge of his father's farm. At the end of that time he again took up his residence upon his land in Dickinson county, where he spent three years, but on the expiration of two years returned to Benton county. Having met with an accident, the following two years were spent in recuperating his health and in 1913 he again came to Dickinson county, where he has since farmed with good success.

On the 5th of February, 1908, Mr. Miner married Miss Sophia Mueller, of Ida county, Iowa, and to them have been born three children, Victor, Helen and Esther. Mrs. Miner is a consistent member of the Lutheran church and is a most estimable lady. In politics Mr. Miner is a socialist. He is one of the representative citizens of his community and wherever known is held in high regard.

WILLIAM McCULLOUGH.

William McCullough, devoting his time and energies to general farming in Jack Creek township, Emmet county, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born January 20, 1851, of the marriage of John and Mary J. (Anderson) McCullough, both of whom were natives of Scotland. They crossed the Atlantic in early life and became residents of

Pennsylvania, where the father spent his remaining days. Following his demise the mother removed to Illinois, where she remained until her death. In their family were eight children, but only three are now living: James, a resident of Ames, Iowa; Margaret, the wife of David Sloper, whose home is in California; and William.

The last named was reared and educated in Iowa, spending his youthful days near Davenport, in Scott county. He remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority and after working for a time on the home farm turned his attention to carpentering. He became a resident of Emmet county in 1892 and purchased his present farm, then a tract of raw prairie land, on section 35, Jack Creek township. With characteristic energy he began its development and has since added many modern improvements, including buildings which furnish ample shelter for grain and stock. He has engaged quite extensively in stock raising in addition to the cultivation of the crops best adapted to soil and climate here, and both branches of his business have proven profitable.

In July, 1879, Mr. McCullough was married to Miss Rozetta Bumbleson, who was born in Boone county, Iowa, a daughter of James and Nancy J. (Simms) Bumbleson, natives of Ohio and Indiana, respectively. At an early perid in the development of Iowa they came to this state, where the father passed away, while the mother's death occurred in Kansas. In their family were nine children, all of whom are yet living. Mr. and Mrs. McCullough have become the parents of five children: Blanche, now the wife of Harry E. Reimer, of Des Moines; Oscar, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Nettie B., the wife of H. H. Lagrand, and James and Ralph B., both at home.

In his political views Mr. McCullough is a republican, and while he has never sought nor desired political office, he has served on the school board for a number of years, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and their well spent lives have gained for them the friendly regard of all who knew them. At the time of their marriage their financial circumstances were limited, but since starting out in life together they have won a handsome competence, being now numbered among the substantial residents of Jack Creek township.

FRANK B. WING.

Frank B. Wing, engaged in the restaurant business in Estherville since 1910, has through the intervening period been accorded a liberal patronage because of the excellent service which he renders in that connection. He has ever recognized the fact that satisfied customers are the best advertisement and he has put forth every effort to please. A

native of Iowa, he was born at New Providence, September 30, 1877, his parents being J. Bentley and Jane Wing, in whose family were two children who are yet living, Frank B. and Eva, the latter now Mrs. Cotant, of Estherville. The father, who was a railroad employe, has passed away, but the mother is still living in Estherville.

Frank B. Wing was accorded a common school education and also continued his studies in the Quaker Academy at New Providence, Iowa. He started upon his business career as an employe in a hotel in Estherville and also worked at the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific buffet. He continued in the service of others at New Providence until 1895. In 1900 he embarked in business on his own account, conducting a restaurant at Lake Park and at Spencer, Iowa, before coming to Estherville in 1910. Here he opened a restaurant which he has since conducted and with the passing years he has enjoyed an increasing patronage that makes his business a profitable one.

In 1905 Mr. Wing was married to Miss Ethel Hoover, a daughter of Jacob and Evelyn Hoover, who were natives of Virginia and of Estherville respectively, the latter being a daughter of R. E. Ridley. Mr. and Mrs. Wing have become the parents of one child, Mildred Evelyn. The parents are members of the Baptist church and guide their lives according to its teachings. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias and his political support is given to the republican party, for he firmly believes that its principles contain the best elements of good government.

WALTER R. CUMMINS.

Walter R. Cummins, a representative and progressive agriculturist of Iowa Lake township, Emmet county, cultivates three hundred and twenty acres of valuable land on section 25. His birth occurred at Painted Post, Steuben county, New York, on the 10th of July, 1863, his parents being Dwight and Martha (Drake) Cummins, who were natives of Vermont and Ohio respectively. The father, who worked at the millwright's trade throughout his active business career, resided in La Salle county, Illinois, during the greater part of his life. His demise occurred January 15, 1893, when he had attained the age of seventy-four years, but his widow still survives and makes her home in Illinois.

Walter R. Cummins was reared and educated in Illinois and there learned the millwright's trade, to which he devoted his time and energies until 1903. In that year, however, he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits in La Salle county, Illinois, and was thus engaged for four years. On the 28th of February, 1907, he came to Emmet county, Iowa, and rented a half section of land in Iowa Lake township, in the cultivation of which he has been engaged continuously to the present time. He served as secretary and treasurer of the Lake Road

Telephone Company for one year and is widely recognized as an enterprising citizen and successful agriculturist of his community.

On the 25th of December, 1883, Mr. Cummins was united in marriage to Miss Emma Benton, by whom he has five children, namely: Vivian D., who has held the office of township assessor for four years; Minnie, who is the wife of Roy Drake and resides in Armstrong; and Edna, Rufus and Ralph, all at home.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Cummins has supported the men and measures of the republican party. He is now serving in the capacity of trustee, having been elected to that position for a three years' term in the fall of 1916, and he has also been school director, acting as president of the board of education for seven years. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, while his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. He has become widely known during the period of his residence in Emmet county and his circle of friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

AMUND J. AMUNDSEN.

Amund J. Amundsen, one of the representative farmers of Swan Lake township, Emmet county, was born in Norway on the 2nd of October, 1851, and is a son of John and Rachel Amundsen, both of whom were natives of Norway, where they continued to reside until 1865, when they brought their family to America and located upon a farm in Allamakee county, Iowa. Subsequently they became residents of Emmet county, the father purchasing a farm in Center township upon which he and his wife spent their remaining days. In their family were seven children, five of whom are still living.

In his native land Amund J. Amundsen attended school, being fourteen years old at the time of the emigration of the family to America in 1865. He remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority, early acquiring a knowledge of agricultural pursuits, and during the following ten years worked as a farm hand. At the end of that time he went to North Dakota, where he served as manager of a large farm for three years. Returning to Emmet county he was then able to purchase eighty acres of land which he later sold and then bought the farm on section 29, Swan Lake township, where he now resides. Here he owns one hundred and ninety-three acres of very valuable and productive land, which he has placed under excellent cultivation and upon which he has made many improvements, including the erection of good and substantial buildings. He makes a specialty of the raising and feeding of stock and in all his undertakings has met with well deserved success.

In 1882 Mr. Amundsen married Miss Amelia Amundsen, who though of the same name was no relation. She, too, was born in Norway and has become the mother of seven children, namely: George A., now a resi-

dent of Illinois; Rubena E., the wife of Clarence Sorum; John A.; Henry B.; Oren E.; Mabel Bertena; and Aline May. Mr. and Mrs. Amundsen are members of the Lutheran church and are numbered among the leading citizens of the community in which they reside. He is a self-made man and the success which has attended his efforts is due entirely to his own industry, enterprise and good management.

JAMES L. BROWN.

James L. Brown, who owns and operates four hundred and seventy-two acres of fine land in Center township, Emmet county, is fully entitled to the honor that is given to a man who through his own efforts has gained prosperity and a place among the leading citizens of his community. He was born on the 19th of March, 1863, in Norway, of which country his parents, Lars and Anna Brown, were also natives. The mother passed away there, but in 1886 the father came to America, where his last years were spent.

James L. Brown is one of a family of six children, of whom four survive, and his education was that afforded by the public schools of Norway. In 1882, when nineteen years old, he came to America as he had heard highly favorable reports concerning conditions here, and he first located in Polk county, Iowa. After working on the railroad for two months he was employed on a farm in Wright county, Iowa, for a time and in 1885 also worked on a farm in Kendall county, Illinois. Subsequently he rented a farm in Wright county, this state, which he cultivated for three years. During that time he carefully saved his money and was able to buy eighty acres in Wright county, which he farmed until 1898, when he disposed of the place and purchased his present home farm on section 35, Center township, Emmet county. His holdings now comprise four hundred and seventy-two acres, all under cultivation and well improved, and he derives a substantial income from the sale of his grain and stock. In his methods of work he is at once practical and progressive and he also makes a close study of the market so as to sell to the best advantage.

Mr. Brown was married in 1888 to Miss Maggie Larson, a native of Clinton county, Iowa, and a daughter of Thomas and Christina Larson, who located in that county on their emigration to America. The mother has passed away, but the father survives. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown: Anna C., the wife of Swen Berg; Tilda J., who married Lewis Berg; Clarence C.; Lloyd S.; Joseph M.; Lars Elmer; Milford E.; and Vernon T.

Mr. Brown loyally supports the candidates and measures of the republican party, at the polls as he is a firm believer in its principles. For two terms he held the office of township assessor and is now acting as county supervisor. He has also served as school director. Both he

and his wife are identified with the Lutheran church, which fact is indicative of the keen interest they take in forces working for the moral uplift of their community.

WILLIAM A. KNOLL.

William A. Knoll is actively engaged in general farming on section 32, Center township, Emmet county. He was born in Ottawa, Illinois, on the 20th of December, 1891, a son of William H. and Minnie Knoll, who are natives of Illinois and Germany, respectively. The father devoted his life to farming and thus provided for the support of his family, numbering wife and four children: Edward, Ida, Rena and William A., all living at Ottawa, Illinois, save the subject of this review.

William A. Knoll spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his native city and the educational privileges which he there enjoyed well qualified him for life's practical and responsible duties. In 1900 his father purchased land in Center township, Emmet county, comprising the northwest quarter of section 32, and in 1914 William A. Knoll took up his abode upon this farm and has since devoted his time and energies to its development and improvement. He is now busily engaged in its cultivation and his labors are bringing forth excellent results.

In 1915 Mr. Knoll was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Gephard, both of whose parents passed away in Ottawa, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Knoll have a daughter, Dorothy. The parents are members of the German Lutheran church and Mr. Knoll gives his political allegiance to the republican party, believing firmly in its principles. He stands for all that is progressive in citizenship and he is regarded as an ambitious, energetic young man whose success is the merited reward of earnest, persistent labor.

AUGUST L. KOENECKE.

Among the enterprising young business men who are contributing in large measure to the commercial upbuilding of Dolliver is August L. Koenecke, who is the proprietor of a hardware store. He was born in Martin county, Minnesota, March 31, 1884, of the marriage of Henry and Augusta (Deering) Koenecke, natives of Germany. For many years, however, they have been residents of Martin county, Minnesota, where the father is still engaged in farming. To them were born twelve children, of whom the only daughter, Mrs. William J. Parnell, is a resident of Estherville township and a son, Ed, is married and is engaged in farming in Emmet township, Emmet county.

August L. Koenecke attended the public schools until he was seven-

teen years of age and for four years thereafter worked for his father on the home farm. He then entered the employ of C. L. Jeglum & Company, hardware dealers of Huntington, Iowa, with whom he remained for five years. He was also associated with that business for a year with Albert Myhre, the successor of his first employers. He then entered the Estherville Business College, where he was a student for eight months, thus further preparing himself for a business career. After leaving that institution he was for six months in the employ of T. T. Sunde, Jr., a dealer in hardware and groceries at Huntington, and then entered business on his own account, buying out the hardware store of Gustav Reke at Dolliver. He is still conducting that business and has managed his affairs so efficiently that he has built up a large and profitable trade. He keeps in close touch with the needs of his patrons and has developed his business in every possible way.

In 1909 Mr. Koenecke was united in marriage to Miss Alice Reed, a daughter of S. B. and Sylvia Reed, of Dolliver. To this union has been born a daughter, Lomena. Mr. and Mrs. Koenecke are members respectively of the German Lutheran and Methodist churches and the principles which have been the determining factors in their lives are found in the teachings of those denominations. He has held the office of town assessor and is now efficiently serving as chief of the fire department. The qualities of foresight, determination and sound judgment, which have made possible the success which he has gained, ensure his increased prosperity in future years.

CHRIS P. ANDERSEN.

Chris P. Andersen, a well established dealer in hardware and farm machinery at Ringsted, is entitled to the credit which is accorded a man who has succeeded through his own unaided efforts as he has at all times been dependent solely upon his own resources. His birth occurred in Denmark, March 15, 1865, and his parents were Jens P. and Christina Sorensen, who in 1881 came with their family to the United States. After remaining for a few months in Chicago they located on section 24, Denmark township, Emmet county, the father purchasing eighty acres of land. He engaged in farming for some time, but the last years of his life were spent in the enjoyment of a well earned leisure. Both he and his wife are buried in St. Paul's cemetery.

Chris P. Andersen, who is the sixth in order of birth in a family of eight children, received the greater part of his education in the schools of Denmark, but attended the district schools of this county for two years. He worked for his father until he attained his majority and then went to Chicago and was for seventeen years in the employ of the Pullman Car Company, ten years of that time being spent as traveling inspector. Later he was for six years foreman in the car shops of the Chicago,

Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company in Chicago, but at the end of that time returned to Emmet county and purchased two hundred acres on section 23, Denmark township, which he cultivated for two years and which he still owns. In connection with his nephew, J. P. Nelsen, he purchased the Fink Brothers hardware and farm machinery business in Ringsted and has proved very successful as a merchant. He carries a well selected and up-to-date stock and has gained an enviable reputation for fair dealing.

In 1892 Mr. Andersen was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Bonnicksen, a daughter of Knut and Petrea (Juhl) Bonnicksen, who lived for a number of years upon the farm now owned by Mr. Andersen but are now deceased and are buried in St. Paul's cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Andersen have been born six children, namely: Edna, the wife of Harry Fink, of Ringsted; Alma, who is teaching in Palo Alto county; Ruth, who is teaching in Denmark township; Esther, who is attending the Iowa Teachers' College at Cedar Falls; and Agnes and Irene, both in school at Ringsted.

The principles which have governed Mr. Andersen in all relations of life are found in the teachings of the Danish Lutheran church and he is an active member of St. Paul's congregation. He votes for the best man, irrespective of party affiliations, and takes a commendable interest in all things pertaining to the welfare of the community, especially to the advancement of the public schools, and was for some time school director in Ringsted. The unqualified respect in which he is held by his fellow citizens is proof of his genuine worth.

CHARLES S. CHURCHILL.

Charles S. Churchill, of Armstrong, has the reputation of being one of the most skilled carpenters of the town and his services are in great demand. He is also a leading factor in public affairs, having been called to many local offices. He was born in Jackson county, Iowa, January 25, 1859, and is a son of Samuel B. and Elizabeth (Smith) Churchill, born respectively in New York and in Canada. After leaving Jackson county, Iowa, the family removed to Mitchell county, whence in 1872 they came to Emmet county. The father bought a relinquishment on a homestead claim in Armstrong Grove township and devoted the remainder of his life to the operation of his farm. His death occurred in September, 1885, but the mother survives and is still living upon the home place.

Charles S. Churchill obtained his education in the schools of Mitchell and Emmet counties, Iowa, and gave his father the benefit of his labor until he was twenty-five years of age. He then rented land and three years later bought eighty acres in Armstrong Grove township, on which he resided continuously until 1896. He engaged in general farming and stock raising and derived a gratifying annual income from his land. As

time passed his resources steadily increased and in 1896 he sold his place and removed to Armstrong, where he has since followed the carpenter's trade. He is very proficient in that line of work and has erected many of the best buildings in the town. He owns his home and another good residence, which he rents.

In March, 1884, Mr. Churchill was united in marriage to Miss Amanda J. Clark and they have become the parents of five children, Sadie and Mina, twins; Mary, Addie and Lilly. Mr. Churchill believes firmly in the principles of the republican party and for years has taken an active part in political affairs. For eighteen years he held the office of constable, is now street commissioner and is also serving as city marshal and water commissioner, having been appointed to the last two offices in May, 1916. He is very conscientious in the discharge of his official duties and no trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed. His life has been a busy and active one and has made for the advancement of his community as well as for individual success.

HARVEY J. FELKEY.

Harvey J. Felkey, who is living practically retired in Armstrong, Emmet county, has been a factor in both the agricultural and commercial development of the county and is still financially interested in a number of local business concerns. He was born in Livingston county, Illinois, December 27, 1849, and is a son of Daniel and Florinda (Brooks) Felkey, natives, respectively, of Ohio and of Pennsylvania. They became early settlers of Livingston county, Illinois, and the father purchased land there which he farmed until 1862, when removal was made to Mitchell county, Iowa. After cultivating land there for several years he went to South Dakota, where he farmed for five years. He then came to Emmet county, Iowa, and bought land here, to the operation of which he devoted his time and attention until he removed to Armstrong, where he conducted a store during the remainder of his life, passing away in October, 1910. He was survived by his widow for only a short time, as her death occurred in February, 1911.

Harvey J. Felkey grew to manhood in Mitchell county, Iowa, and attended the public schools there in the acquirement of his education. After becoming of age he engaged in farming for two years in Mitchell county and in 1874 he arrived in Emmet county, Iowa, and purchased a farm in Armstrong Grove township. For more than a quarter of a century he engaged in the raising of grain and stock upon that place, but in March, 1900, removed to Armstrong and engaged in the clothing business there. After three years he disposed of that business and has since lived practically retired. He is, however, treasurer of the Farmers' Elevator Company and of the Armstrong Cement Company and is a director of the First National Bank of Armstrong.

On New Year's Day, 1872, Mr. Felkey was married to Miss Rebecca Godfrey, whose parents, Samuel and Matilda (Dickson) Godfrey, were natives, respectively, of Scotland and Ireland. They emigrated to America many years ago and after living for a time in New York went to Wisconsin, where the father purchased land from the government. In 1864 he went to Mitchell county, Iowa, and there resided until his death in 1880. The mother passed away three years later. Mr. and Mrs. Felkey have become the parents of four children: One who died in infancy; Lelah, who became the wife of C. A. Mathews and died February 29, 1916, at the age of thirty-nine years and ten months, leaving three children, Grace, Milo and Maynard; Roy B., who is farming in Armstrong Grove township; and Florence, the wife of J. V. Burkhead, a merchant of Armstrong.

Mr. Felkey is a trustee of Orange Grove township and has served in that capacity for twelve years, his long continuance in the office indicating the efficiency with which he discharges his duties. He has also held the office of school director. His political allegiance isigven to the republican party and his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. while fraternally he belongs to the Masonic order and the Eastern Star. He is a man of unusual energy and ability and is recognized as a leader in his community.

W. W. NELSON.

W. W. Nelson, who is now successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits on section 2, Lloyd township, Dickinson county, is one of Iowa's native sons, his birth occurring in Marshalltown, August 7, 1872. His parents were Peter and Tena (Williams) Nelson, both of whom were natives of Denmark. It was in the latter part of the '60s that they came to America and settled in Hamilton county, Iowa, where the father engaged in farming for many years. He is still living but now makes his home in Los Angeles, California. The mother passed away in 1907. In the family were three children, all of whom are still living.

W. W. Nelson was reared and educated in much the usual manner of farmer boys of this state and at the age of nineteen years started out in life for himself. For three years he was employed as a farm hand and then turned his attention to the harness business for two years. At the end of that time he purchased a farm in Hamilton county and to its cultivation and improvement devoted his energies until 1906. He then sold out and removed to North Dakota, where he still owns one hundred and sixty acres of land. After residing thereon for five years Mr. Nelson returned to Iowa, but this time located in Dickinson county, where he rented the Empire Farm for a time. Subsequently he purchased one hundred and forty-eight acres on section 2, Lloyd township, and upon that place he still makes his home. He has made a number of useful and valu-

able improvements upon the farm and is successfully engaged in its operation.

In 1897 occurred the marriage of Mr. Nelson and Miss Mary Peterson, who was born in Eldora, Iowa, and is a daughter of Andrew and Carrie Peterson, natives of Denmark, who are still living and now make their home in Story county, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have been born two sons: Arthur, who is now attending high school in Terril, and Harold, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are earnest and consistent members of the Christian Church and he is also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Terril Lodge, No. 612, A. F. & A. M. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the democratic party and is now serving as school director. He takes an active interest in public affairs and does all in his power to promote the welfare of his community.

PATRICK J. SULLIVAN.

Patrick J. Sullivan, a well known engineer on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, residing in Estherville, was born in County Cork, Ireland, February 14, 1858, and is a son of John and Julia (Shea) Sullivan, in whose family were nine children. The parents never came to the United States, but continued to reside upon the Emerald isle throughout life.

During his boyhood Patrick J. Sullivan attended the common schools of his native land, but at the age of fifteen years he left the parental roof and started out to make his own way in the world. Going to Glamorganshire, South Wales, he worked in a blast furnace factory for two years and then came to the new world at the age of seventeen years. He obtained a position as fireman on the Old Colony Steamship Line, running between New York and Boston, and remained with that company for four years. At the end of that time Mr. Sullivan came to Iowa City, Iowa, to visit relatives, and for a short time worked as a farm hand in that locality. He next went to Cedar Rapids and entered the service of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad as brakeman, but was subsequently made fireman and still later promoted to engineer, in which capacity he has since served, though the road has since become a part of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad system. He became a resident of Estherville, the division point, when the road was built through there, and has since lived at that place, now owning a fine home on the west side.

In 1883 Mr. Sullivan married Miss Bessie Harrington, at Belmond, Iowa, where she was then living with relatives. She is also a native of County Cork, Ireland, of which country her parents, Cornelius and Bessie Harrington, were lifelong residents. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan have six children: John, who is married and is an attorney of Mandan, North Dakota; Mary, now Mrs. G. T. McKibben, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Bessie, the wife of Fred Parsons, who is connected with the Iowa Savings Bank of Esther-

ville; William, an attorney with his brother in Mandan, North Dakota; Joseph, a law student in the University of Minnesota; and Margaret, who is attending the high school of Estherville.

Besides his home in Estherville, Mr. Sullivan owns considerable land in Emmet county, consisting of the northwest quarter of section 27, Estherville township; the southeast quarter of section 21; and the west half of the southeast quarter of section 22. All of this property has been acquired through his own unaided efforts, for he came to this country emptyhanded, and through his industry and good management has acquired a competence. He and his family are communicants of the Catholic church, and he is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

WILLIAM A. AND FRANK A. HILDRETH.

William A. and Frank A. Hildreth are progressive and representative farmers of Twelve Mile Lake township. Their ancestral history, a most interesting one, has been given as follows: "In 1640, Richard, first of the Hildreth immigrant ancestors, came with the English Puritans to America and settled in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Of his children Joseph Hildreth was the first male child in the Hildreth line born in America. From him the descent is traced down through Joseph, Hosea and Nathaniel Hildreth, who was the first of the family to leave Massachusetts, removing from that state in 1817, at which time he took up his abode near Richmond, Virginia. There he lived for twenty-five years and afterward went to Greene county, Ohio, where he died in 1844." His son, the grandfather of William A. and Frank A. Hildreth, was John Parker Hildreth, who was born in Virginia in 1821 and married Susan Spahr. He removed to Jay county, Indiana, and at the time of the Civil War enlisted in 1864 in the One Hundred and Fortieth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, but becoming ill, he was sent home on a furlough and, returning to the front before he had sufficiently recovered, he died at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, February 11, 1865. His wife had passed away May 3, 1862, and their children afterward became scattered.

Their son, William Hildreth, Sr., married Samantha Whiteman and for a few years resided in Logan county, Illinois, where William A. Hildreth was born on the 20th of August, 1871. During his infancy the parents removed to Polk county, Iowa, and there the father purchased a farm of two hundred acres which he at once began to develop and improve. Thereon he passed away in December, 1884, at the age of thirty-seven years. His widow and children continued to cultivate the farm for some time. Mrs. Hildreth still survives and is now living with her son James. The members of the household were: Edward and James, who are now residents of Calhoun county, Iowa; Emery, who is living in the same county; Harry, deceased; Nellie, the wife of Dan Stebleton,

residing near Egeland, North Dakota; Mark, who is also near Egeland; and William A. and Frank A., of this review.

William A. Hildreth attended the common schools until he reached the age of sixteen years. He and his brother came to Emmet county in 1898 and purchased farms. William A. Hildreth became owner of the southeast quarter of section 18, Twelve Mile Lake township, whereon he now resides, and he has since converted the place into a rich and productive tract of land from which he annually garners good harvests. On the 5th of October, 1899, he was married to Miss Jennie Long, a daughter of James and Mary Long, formerly of Polk county, Iowa, but both now deceased, their remains having been interred in Ames, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Hildreth have become the parents of six children: Cora, Russell, Howard, Charles, Wilbur and Esther, all at home. The parents are consistent members of the Methodist church and in political views William A. Hildreth is a republican, but while he is conversant with the leading questions and issues of the day, he does not seek nor desire office. He has served as a school director and is interested in all matters pertaining to the general welfare.

Frank A. Hildreth was born in Polk county, Iowa, January 8, 1874. He was married in 1895 to Dora Boda, a daughter of Adam and Louise (Ringenburg) Boda, of Polk county. The father died and was buried at Polk City, while the mother is now living at Sheldahl, Iowa, with her daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Hildreth have become parents of a son, William.

On removing to Emmet county in 1898, Frank A. Hildreth purchased a valuable and productive farm on section 17. Like their forefathers, the two brothers are tillers of the soil and are extensively engaged in stock raising, specializing in feeding more than in breeding. Theirs are among the finest improved farms of the county and their property has been won through earnest, persistent labor. Both brothers are deeply interested in everything pertaining to the welfare and progress of the community, and Frank A. Hildreth became one of the first directors of the First National Bank at Terril, Iowa. He, too, has served on the school board and as township trustee and, like his brother, he adheres to the Methodist faith and is a republican in his political views. The Hildreths are among the prominent families of the county and both William A. and Frank A. Hildreth enjoy the unqualified regard and confidence of all who know them. Their labors have largely set a standard for agricultural development in the community where they live and their labors have brought them to the present prominent position which they now occupy.

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